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An Old Link To The Memorial Bridge



WITH THE REDEDICATION of the Memorial Bridge linking West Springfield to Springfield, this photo should be of interest to many in Agawam as recognizable names even several generations later. The photo was taken at the bridge's original dedication back in 1922. This float from Agawam was the first float in the dedication parade to cross the bridge. The float won second prize. From left - Mr. Hazelton (chief), Bud Jenks, Mrs. Campbell, Helen Cleary, Elbridge Farnsworth, Grace Cox, Mrs. Rising, Mary O'Connor, Francis O'Connor, D. Arnold, L. Bughee, Lee Jenks, and Geraldine Rising (youngest Indian). On horses - B. Arnold, Everett Kellogg, Frank Jenks, and Edith Sunder. photo courtesy of Geraldine Knapp of Ludlow (formerly of Agawam), given to the Agawam Historical Commission.

New Town Budget Stalls As Council Says It Needs More Time

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The Mayor has said it's the best town budget he has ever prepared with state aid at the highest levels in eight years, no new fees, and no tax increases.

Several Town Councilors said it's the best budget they've seen in years, yet the council left the proposed budget on the table at a special meeting held on Monday, July 29th.

Three weeks ago, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson sent his \$43.3 million spending plan to the Council. Saying they needed more time to dissect and fine-tune the proposal, the Council voted 5-4 to take no action on the budget.

The motion to table the budget was made by Councilor Thomas Ennis, seconded by Councilor Edward Caba, and supported by Councilors

Joseph Langone, Kent Servis, Dennis Perry, Caba, and Ennis.

Voting against tabling the motion were Council President Nancy Thompson and Councilors George Bitzas, David Skolnick, and Christian Quatrone.

Councilors Jill Simpson and Gary Suffriti were absent.

With the second month of the fiscal year just days away, all councilors present approved Johnson's request for a one-twelfth appropriation (\$3 to \$4 million) to pay the town's bills through August. A similar appropriation was made last month to cover operating costs for the month of July.

Bitzas praised the Mayor for his wisdom in br-

inging forward the request for a partial budget for the month of August. Bitzas said it was unfortunate but necessary because he said some councilors were playing politics with the budget.

Caba said he was not ready to vote on the budget until he could schedule a second meeting for his budget subcommittee to meet and finalize their report to the council.

Agreeing that the budget was probably the best the council has seen, Ennis said the budget represented \$40 million of the taxpayers' money and it was the council's job to look at the budget in great detail.

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BUDGET STALLED - from Page 1...**"... We Can Always Do Better ..."**

"I'd like to see us go through this and make it better. We've got a good document, but we can fine-tune it. We can always do better," Ennis said.

Ennis said he would like to see the council prioritize the streets scheduled for repair and resurfacing in the DPW budget, and said he had concerns about the Law Department and the Council on Aging budgets.

Servis said the Council should not be stamped into approving the budget, but should take the time to examine and dissect it.

"It's a good budget, but there are areas that require a little fine-tuning or a little tweaking," Servis said.

Servis, who serves on the Council's School Budget subcommittee, said he wanted more time to gather more information regarding transfers of funds within the School Department last year.

"We've got 45 days and we'd like to see some of the information that has not been made available," Servis said.

As chairman of the School Committee, Johnson took umbrage at the impression that the School Department was not providing information to the council.

"It's tough to get information if you never ask for it," Johnson said. "They haven't asked for a printout on the transfers or anything else."

Asked about the council's role in "fine-tuning" the budget, Johnson said the council has the authority to approve the budget or make cuts, but not to add funding or shift funding from one department to another.

Johnson said he was not surprised that the council took no action on the budget. "Given the opportunity, they drag everything out," Johnson said.

Council President Nancy Thompson said the council would have to call another special meeting before August 24th to comply with their 45-day deadline to approve or make cuts in the Mayor's budget proposal.

Ms. Thompson suggested the meeting be held on August 19th, but no date was set at presstime.

Bitzas said there was no valid reason to delay action on the budget since the council had several hours to discuss the budget and then direct any questions to the Mayor and the town treasurer (who were in the audience).

Bitzas said the Mayor's budget was so well-prepared and self-explanatory that an elementary school student could understand it.

"This is only a political game — in capital letters," Bitzas said.

Ms. Thompson said the budget was reflective of the Mayor's day-to-day management of the town with the cooperation of the department heads.

"They've done an excellent job," Ms. Thompson said. "I didn't hear any councilors raise any significant objections. They just want the process to play out."

State Representative Daniel Keenan Supports Non-Group Insurance Reform

A measure that would guarantee options for individuals who have been unsuccessful in purchasing health insurance coverage for themselves and their families passed the Massachusetts House last week. State Representative Daniel F. Keenan reports that H5601, An Act to Increase Affordability and Accessibility of Health Insurance in Massachusetts, is a compromise of reforms that will remove the barriers to insurance for thousands of currently uninsured individuals in Massachusetts.

"We hear too often from individuals who are without any health insurance for themselves and their families," said Rep. Keenan. "This bill is a

positive step to provide a health insurance system that works for all our citizens."

The compromise eliminates such medical underwriting mechanisms as denying people coverage due to pre-existing conditions and cancellation of insurance due to illness. It includes portability provisions that would allow a purchaser the freedom to move in the job market without fear of losing his or her health insurance.

In addition, the bill sets up a modified community rating structure modeled after the Small Group Reform Law of 1991. The Non-Group Reform Bill expands the small group market to groups of up to 50 employees.

Job Opportunity Guides Available From Keenan's Local Office

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has issued the following public service announcement for Massachusetts workers and job seekers.

The Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training has published the 1996 edition of *Career Moves - Your Guide to Growing Job Opportunities in Massachusetts*.

Focusing on eight major career clusters that show the most potential for growth, *Career Moves* includes the following information for each occupation: the potential growth rate, the number of current jobs, the estimated number of new jobs to be created through 2005, the projected replacement job openings, factors driving the growth, training and education requirements, average wages, the industries that hire people in these occupations, and career paths describing other kinds of jobs that utilize a worker's skills.

The major areas that are covered include Business and Administration; Computers, Engineering and Science; Health; Marketing and Communications; Teaching, Education and Related Human Services; Hospitality and Lodging Services; Building Maintenance and Repair; and Other Community Related Services.

Individuals may request the guide by calling Rep. Keenan at his district office at 786-4545, or they may stop by his district office at 549 Springfield Street in Agawam. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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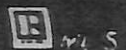
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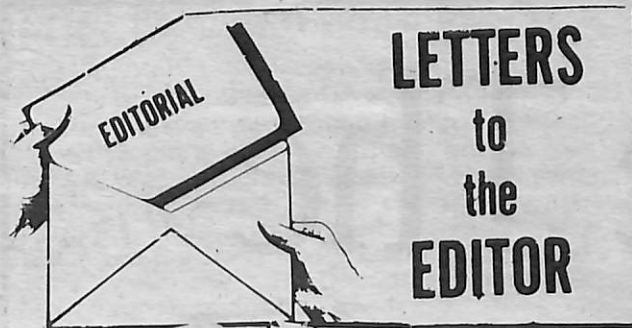
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Council Passes Resolutions Honoring AHS Athletic Teams

To The Editor:

I would like to again congratulate the Agawam High School girls' softball team, the boys' baseball team, and the girls' track team for winning their respective Western Massachusetts High School Championships.

The City Council has unanimously passed all resolutions I sponsored to honor these teams. Copies of the resolutions have been signed by the City Council President and the Mayor and are in the Superintendent's office at the Junior High School. The girls' track team copies will be ready after the passage of the resolution during the second week of August.

If any of the athletes would like to have one, please go to the Superintendent's office at the Junior High School or call me and I would be glad to mail one to you.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Agawam City Councilor

"Miss Massachusetts" Raves About The Town Of Agawam

To The Editor:

"I can't believe Agawam is such a beautiful town," was quoted by the reigning Miss Massachusetts from Boston.

While attending the grand opening of the Quail Run Estates on Sunday, July 28th, Miss Massachusetts raved about our town.

To our residents, be proud of Agawam! It is a lovely town. Agawam has been growing, growing, and still growing and what is wrong with progress and beautification?

A Joy To Report
Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

Resident Comments On Letter On "Politics Vs. Little League"

To The Editor:

Below are the comments I would like to make on the POLITICS VERSUS LITTLE LEAGUE letter that appeared in the July 18, 1996 issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News*. As a concerned mother of the little leaguer, I would like to comment on the letter written about the games being delayed three times.

It all started when our first playoff game was supposed to be played on Monday, July 1, 1996. I was supposed to leave on vacation on June 30, 1996, but since this was a playoff game I decided to wait another two days before leaving. Our team showed up at Field 3 at 5:00 as we have done in every past game. The opposing team we were supposed to play at this game was practicing on another field.

As the coaches talked back and forth, the other team's coach said the game was supposed to be played on Tuesday, July 2nd, even though the two umpires also showed up for THE game. Our coach repeatedly said that since it was a holiday week, they scheduled the game purposely Monday and not Tuesday. (It seems the other coach was the one missing kids, not us.) Well, as time went on, I guess they went back and forth as to when the game would be held.

As I was in New Hampshire at the time, I received a phone call to COME home for Saturday, July 6th in order to play a playoff game. Now who in their right mind would schedule a playoff game on a holiday weekend, even though we all know who did!

Well, finally they changed the game to Monday, July 8, 1996. It was a typical warm, muggy, and drizzly day with thunderstorms expected later on. So it was a 2-0 game when, in the fourth inning, it started raining and lightning so we stopped playing for about five minutes. Continuing the game, there were two kids on base for the opposite team and we were still ahead 2-0.

Well, the lightning, wind, and rain came quite steadily, and WE were asked to wait 30 minutes to see if the storm would clear up. As the minutes passed and we were in our cars, the coach of the other team ACTUALLY had his kids in the field with a storm over us, thinking the game would be played. Well, finally they called the game (if you read the Little League rules). If it is four innings or more, the team that is winning is pronounced the winner during this type of situation.

I guess what I am trying to say is that these kids are nine and 10 years-old. They work plenty hard for a winning team and a fun team. They look forward to playing games against their friends and watching who they will play next in the finals. We parents give up a lot for the team and when we have coaches that are good to our kids and teach them the game well and to mainly just have fun (and our coaches were wonderful and did just that), then it is worth every bit of our time and theirs.

But when we have other coaches mess up our playing time, we realize it just isn't fair to these kids and it's just **poor sportsmanship** on their behalf. These kids follow what their coaches want them to do. They look up to them as adults.

D. Harlow
Agawam

Kasparian Suggests How To Save Money For The County

To The Editor:

To Richard Thomas, Hampden County Commissioner:

Dear Mr. Thomas:

At the Commissioners' meeting on July 24, 1996, in Springfield, I brought to your attention the letter that was sent to you by the building inspector of Agawam, Dominic Urbanati, dated April 25, 1996.

This letter stated strongly that you had 14 days in which to respond to secure this unsafe structure and maintain its grounds. As it is the assertion, through the lawsuit brought by the Commissioners against the Town of Agawam, that the property is owned by Hampden County, it is therefore the responsibility of the County Commissioners to see that the property does not fall into disrepair and that it be properly maintained according to the Agawam Zoning laws, to insure that its value is retained pending the outcome of the suit.

Understanding the budgetary problems that the Commissioners are facing, even with the override, several volunteers, including myself, from the neighborhood are willing to clean out the trash and debris within the building (mattresses, etc.), and assist in removing the unsafe porch area. I

have secured donations from BFI to supply dumpsters, the Agawam DPW for disposal of debris at the burning plant, and Luigi's Pizza to supply pizza and beverage to the volunteer workers. The volunteers are interested in the safety of our neighborhood in cleaning and securing the building, in preserving our property values, preserving the history of the building, and saving the County money.

You have approved, at your last meeting, that the County would place a blue plastic tarp over the roof and board up the windows. However, the neighbors would like to have you use plywood to cover the hole in the roof where the chimney has collapsed and black felt paper over the plywood so that it will not be unsightly and would make the building weather tight so that it is not further damaged by rain and winter storms.

We would like permission to coordinate the above securing of the building by the County with the neighborhood volunteer effort for the clean-up of the interior and the removal of the unsafe porch. This would certainly save the County a great deal of money, which translates to savings for the taxpayers.

I have sent you a letter addressing this same problem on July 9th, but have received no response to date. I would hope that you will respond to this letter and the letter of July 9th within the next seven days so that the volunteer efforts can be coordinated.

I would also like to let you know that a neighbor, John Richards of 500 School St., has been faithfully mowing the front lawn area from the pumping station to the other side of the house back as far as the barn. A congratulations and a thank you should be extended to John for his time, use of his rider lawnmower, and his efforts in maintaining this area at no charge to the County.

Respectfully submitted by,
Abe Kasparian
Agawam

Governor's Office Responds To Letter On County Govt.

To The Editor:

You published a letter I wrote to Governor Weld's office a couple of weeks ago in which I outlined some ground work for the Governor, the County Commissioners, and hopefully the Speaker of the House to begin meaningful discus-

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sions on the reorganization of county government based on the Franklin County plan. My proposal came before last week's override for the bailout money needed by Hampden County.

I proposed that the commissioners speak with the Governor to present a plan for the reorganization of our county government so that we can make the role of the county more meaningful and fiscally responsible while retaining local control. *Union News* reporter Susannah Pugh asked the commissioners whether or not they had spoken to the Governor's office regarding a plan for reorganization. Commissioner Thomas stated that they had tried to talk to the Governor's office but that they wouldn't listen.

As a Candidate for County Commissioner, I received the following two-page letter from the Governor's office which states that they are "more than willing to work..." with the commissioners if they truly want to restructure county government as I have proposed. However, a true restructuring takes time and a plan of action must be discussed and enacted now if we are to retain our local control.

Respectfully submitted by
Abe Kasparian

Candidate for Hampden County Commissioner

This letter FAXed

Governor's letter mailed.

July 17, 1996

Mr. Abe Kasparian, Jr.
50 Russo Circle
Agawam, Massachusetts 01001

Dear Mr. Kasparian:

Thank you for your letter of July 9th regarding the future of county government. You acknowledge the need for changes in the way counties are run, but advocate a compromise method of making the transition. Specifically, you cite the legislation for Franklin County and sug-

gest modifications of that plan for Hampden County.

As you know, Governor Weld and Lieutenant Governor Cellucci have filed a plan for eliminating county government, bringing the major functions currently performed by counties up to the state level, and allowing cities and towns to choose the form of regional government most appropriate for their different areas. This proposal stems from several years of observing counties failing to manage within their means and requiring annual state bailouts. Consistent with the view that the time has come to take a different approach to the problems of counties, the Governor recently vetoed another round of bailouts to three counties, including Hampden.

The Franklin County proposal is one which we strongly support and, in fact, helped to create. Therefore, we do not rule out the possibility that a similar framework could be put in place in other counties and we would certainly be willing to discuss this with Hampden County. However, I must point out that there are some big differences between Franklin and Hampden County that shed some doubt on the appropriateness of this plan for Hampden. First, Franklin has been very frugal over the years and kept its shortfall, if any, to a minimum. This, combined with its small size, makes the Franklin proposal an affordable one for the Commonwealth. Hampden's deficit is much bigger. Second, and more important, Franklin County has been laying the groundwork for this proposal with both its member communities and the state for several years. Franklin County officials recognized the fiscal signals a long time ago and starting planning for a changed structure, and the members accordingly voted a charter change which was submitted to the Legislature but was not enacted. Franklin County has a tremendous amount of credibility with and support from its members; in contrast, most communities in other counties are either indifferent about the continuation of county government or actively supporting its abolition.

In conclusion, we are convinced that the present form of county government is an anachronism with a badly dysfunctional financing

system. We're proposing dramatic change because cosmetic changes alone will not be enough to satisfy the financial and political problems most counties are now facing. If counties other than Franklin want to seriously discuss new structures that make sense, we're more than willing to work with them.

Sincerely,
Mary-Lee King
Chief Policy Advisor
Office of the Governor

Residents Say, "Please, Don't Take Our NEW Lights Away!"

To The Editor:

We have lived here for 10 years in the dark and are very thankful to the Town of Agawam for making our street a little more safe.

If you check the police records for the past 10 years you will find many incidences of vandalism, theft, and injury. There are many families on our street where there are women alone at night due to: husbands working nights and/or traveling out of town, single parents, and widows.

The street lights will not eliminate all of these problems, but they may deter a lot of them. There are many young children in our neighborhood, as well as adults and senior citizens, who enjoy walking on a warm summer evening.

We are very grateful to now have the same peace of mind as other neighborhoods in town.

Mayor Johnson, please do not reverse Superintendent Stone's expert recommendation for appropriate street lighting on Liswell Drive.

We don't all have big dogs to protect us, so we're asking the town to do what is safe and sensible: please, do not take our new street lights away.

With Sincere Appreciation
Kathy & Larry White
Liswell Drive
Feeding Hills

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon. However, the staff of the AAN appreciates any "early bird" articles that can be brought in on Mondays.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Walter M. Chmielewski

Walter M. Chmielewski, 72, of 815 Sky Pine Way, West Palm Beach, Florida, a retired traffic division foreman for the city of Springfield, MA, died in Wellington, Florida.

He owned the former ABC Cab Co. in Springfield.

Born in Feeding Hills, he lived in Springfield, MA, most of his life before moving to West Palm Beach in 1982.

He served in the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific theater in World War II, and was wounded in the 1945 Okinawa invasion.

He leaves his wife, the former Anna Fratini; a son, Michael of Agawam; a daughter, Barbara Therrien of West Palm Beach; two brothers, former Agawam Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski of Agawam, and Michael of Suffield, CT; three sisters, Helen Kisielewski of Feeding Hills, Bernice Simborski of Somers, CT, and Wanda Kane of Westfield; and two granddaughters.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01116-1210, or the Disabled American Veterans, in care of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, GPF 1002, Route 9, Northampton, MA 01060 (attention 135).

Barbara A. Hastings

Barbara A. (Ruckstuhl) Hastings, 55, of 131 North West Street, Feeding Hills, the 13-year owner and operator of Sonard Engraving Co. in East Longmeadow, died at home.

She also was the co-owner of Twin Maple Farms in Feeding Hills.

Born in Hackensack, New Jersey, she moved here in 1950, and lived in Feeding Hills for 33 years.

She was a graduate of Agawam High School, attended Ithaca, New York College, and was graduated from the Goff School of Business in Springfield.

She attended the Agawam Congregational Church and belonged to its choir, bell choir, and music committee. She also was a member of the Golden Chapter of the Eastern Star in Westfield, and a past queen of the Daughters of the Nile.

She leaves her husband, Arthur E. Hastings; three sons, Charles H. of Bowie, MD, Jeffrey of Feeding Hills, and Arthur E. Jr. of Feeding Hills; a sister, Susan Boardman of Nantucket; and a granddaughter.

A memorial service was conducted at the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01004, or the Agawam Congregational Church organ fund at 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Joseph N. Marieb

Joseph Norman Marieb of Naples, Florida, died on July 22nd while on the way to Naples Community Hospital.

He established a furniture and appliance business, and owned several rental properties in Springfield, MA, and the Cape Cod, MA, towns of Eastham and Falmouth. He also operated a laundromat and cleaners in West Springfield.

He retired in 1976.

Born in Feeding Hills, he was a longtime resident before moving to Pelican Bay, Naples, last year.

He leaves his wife, Elaine Nicpon Marieb; a daughter, Pamela Marieb Mosler; a brother, Frederick of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Eva Marieb of Springfield and Freda Caserio of Longmeadow; and two grandchildren, Joseph and Shanna of San Jose, CA.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Federation, Peabody Office Building, 1 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960.

Grace F. Cavicchi

Grace F. (Pond) Cavicchi, 87, formerly of Lealand Avenue, Agawam, died at a local nursing home.

She and her husband, Albert, operated concession stands at the Franconia Golf Course and the Wilbraham and Agawam Country Clubs.

They also owned and operated the Carol Jane Shoppe here from 1937 through 1953.

A lifelong resident, she was the president of the High School class of 1925, and captain of its girls' basketball team. She received an athletics and scholastic award which had been previously given only to males.

She attended the Congregational Church, and was in its Women's Association.

Her husband, Albert Cavicchi, died in 1994.

She leaves three daughters, Gail Dubian of Agawam, Barbara Waters of Stratford, Connecticut, and Carol Avery of Montgomery; two brothers, Everett of Pinellas Park, Florida, and Clifford of Lakeland, Florida; two sisters, Bernice Bigelow of Hudson, Florida, and Esther Faulkner of Longmeadow; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Foundation, 800 Berkshire Ave., Springfield, MA 01109.

Hazel M. Gates

Hazel M. Gates, 96, of 11 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, a 40-year employee at General Offset Printing, died at a local nursing home.

She retired in 1965. Born in Wallingford, Vermont, she moved to Springfield in 1918 and here in 1977. She was a member of Agawam United Methodist Church in its Women's Guild.

She leaves a sister-in-law, Edith Gates, with whom she lived, and nephews and nieces.

A graveside service was held at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 459 Mill St., Agawam, 01001.

Agnes L. McLane

Agnes L. (VanMeter) McLane, 72, of 85 Red Fox Drive, Feeding Hills, a secretary for the Green Thumb Employment Agency of the state of Indiana, died at home.

Born in Jasonville, Indiana, she lived there before moving to Feeding Hills in 1995. She worshipped at the Evangel Assembly of God Church in Wilbraham.

She leaves two sons, Lowell P. of Agawam, and Stephen F. of Chesterton, Indiana; two daughters, Rachel R. McLane of Portage, Indiana, and Yvonne M. Hayatt of Indianapolis, Indiana, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Assembly of God Church in Jasonville, Indiana, with burial in Grandview Cemetery at Bloomfield, Indiana.

Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Albert E. Desaulniers

Albert E. Desaulniers, 87, of 27 Riviera Drive, Agawam, died in a local nursing home. He was a retired 38-year postal clerk for the United States Postal Service in West Springfield, retiring in 1966.

Born in Southbridge, he lived here most of his life. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a former communicant and usher for Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. He was a member of the Agawam and Chicopee Bridge Club and the Agawam Senior Center.

His wife, the former Edwina Phaneuf, died in 1996. He leaves two sons, Paul A. of Yorktown, Virginia and Peter A. of San Francisco, California; two daughters, Susan Patnode of Southwick and Joanne Caulfield of Chelmsford; a sister, Jeanne Salce of Southbridge; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mary L. Furlani

Mary L. (Petruzzello) Furlani, 80, of 670 Mill St., Feeding Hills, a retired inspector at American Saw & Manufacturing Co. in East Longmeadow, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Westminster, Vermont, she lived in Springfield before moving here many years ago. She was a graduate of Agawam High School.

She leaves a daughter, Jeanette L. Platanitis of Feeding Hills; a brother, Frank of East Longmeadow; a granddaughter, Sarah Platanitis of Feeding Hills, and two nephews.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, 01104.

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On Tuesday, July 23, 1996, **Eric Hollander** of 21 Washington Ave., Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery on a W. Springfield complaint.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1996, **Eugenio Ramos** of 308 Breckwood Blvd., Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1996, **Jorge Colon, Jr.** of 485 Riverside Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving after suspension.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1996, **Kenneth Santucci** of 50 Stony Hill Rd., Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with Domestic Assault & Battery.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1996, **Myron Harris** of 149 Rocky Hill Ave., New Britain, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance and possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1996, **Alberta D. Hardy** of 94 Beech St., Holyoke, was arrested and charged with Assault & Battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1996, **Matthew Dessasure** of 94 Beech St., Holyoke, was arrested and charged with Threat to commit a crime, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and trespassing.

On Thursday, July 25, 1996, **Kaufman** of 459 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On Thursday, July 25, 1996, **Jodi L. Dufault** of 126 Brookfield Lane, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On Thursday, July 25, 1996, **Eric Hollander** of 21 Washington Ave., Agawam, was arrested and charged with two outstanding warrants.

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Mary A. Cirillo

Mary A. ("Polly") Santaniello Cirillo, 85, of Agawam, died Tuesday at home.

She was the co-owner and founder of Cirillo Landscaping Company with her husband of 66 years, Anthony Cirillo.

They founded the business in 1969.

She also worked at the former Springfield Armory.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of the High School of Commerce.

She lived here most of her life, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Anthony Jr., of Agawam; three daughters, Rose Marie Mercadante, Rita Poggi, and Shirley Bussolari of Agawam; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral is on Friday morning, August 2nd, at Tazzini Funeral Home of Springfield and the church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery, also in Springfield.

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Clean Water Action & CCBA Urge Board To Re-Evaluate Conditions For BP Power Plant

Spokespersons for Clean Water Action and Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) are calling on the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) to re-evaluate the conditions of the siting of the proposed Berkshire Power gas-fired power plant in Agawam.

The proposed plant will consume between 1.45 and 1.82 million gallons per day of drinkable water from the Cobble Mountain Reservoir.

"Water is an invaluable and limited community resource," said Chris Bathurst, Western Massachusetts Director for Clean Water Action. "Excessive burdens on our water resources are stressing water tables and placing communities at risk of droughts across the Commonwealth. It seems only reasonable that the EFSB hold the developers accountable to any alternatives that will reduce the burdens Agawam is facing."

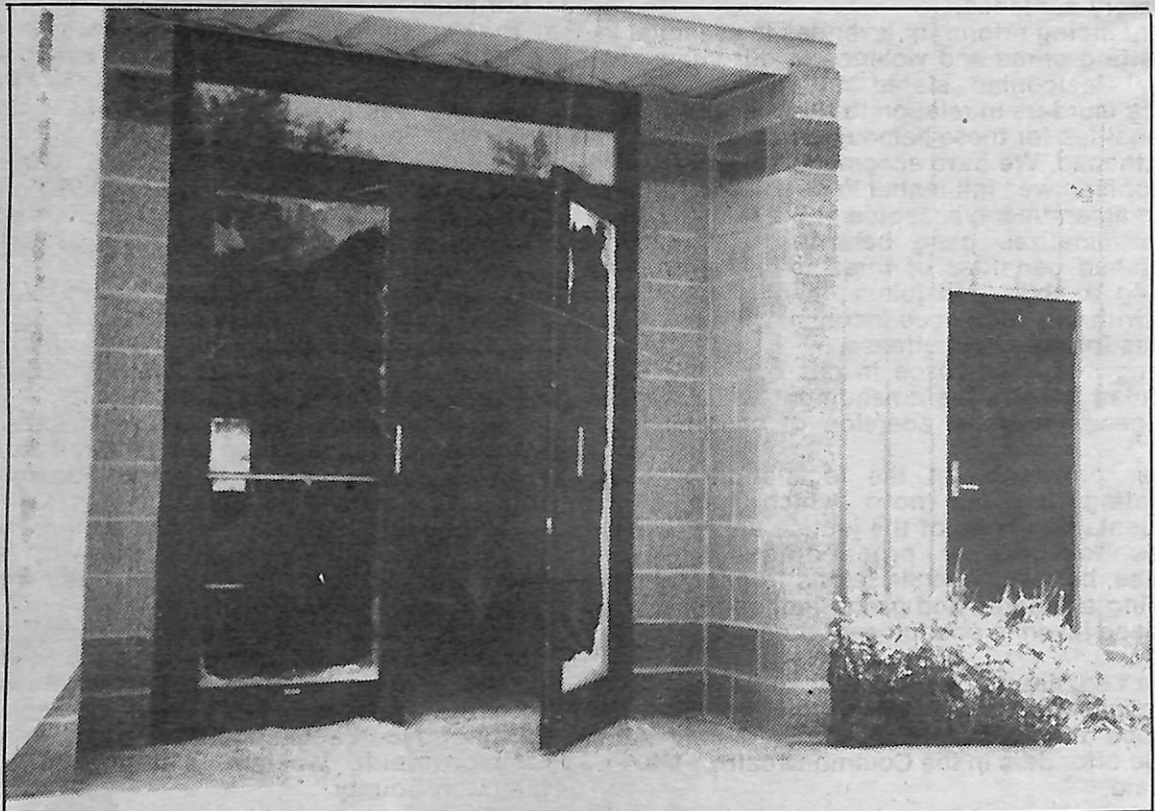
A recent review by the EFSB found that technology alternatives, such as dry cooling

systems, would "significantly reduce" the water supply needs of the proposed plant and that Berkshire Power had failed to prove that their plans would result in a minimum environmental impact with respect to water supply and related water resources. Despite these findings, the EFSB recently approved the 252-megawatt power plant.

"The EFSB is the one place we can go as residents of the proposed host community to protect our local health and environment," said Frank Lawlor, spokesperson for CCBA. "Yet, in the balance between costs for the developer and protecting our environment, the Board is willing to sacrifice our community's environment every time."

Clean Water Action joins CCBA in calling for a review of the EFSB approval of the plant with regard to local water impacts.

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Juvenile Justice Bill Clears State Senate; Weld Expected To Sign

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced final Senate passage on July 24th of a stiff Juvenile Justice Bill, which would increase penalties and stiffen sentences for juveniles and take actions against gang activity.

"This legislation will toughen the penalties for juvenile offenders who commit murder and other serious violent felonies," Melconian said. "We need to address the problem of increased juvenile crime and hold the perpetrators accountable for their actions."

The Juvenile Justice Bill, which the Governor is expected to sign, will establish tough sentencing requirements for juveniles accused of murder. Under the legislation, juveniles charged with murder will stand trial in Superior Court. Any juvenile convicted of first- or second-degree murder will be sentenced as an adult.

For first-degree murder, a defendant could receive life in prison without parole, life in prison with a 30-year mandatory sentence, or a term of years with a 30-year minimum mandatory sentence. Second-degree murder penalties include life imprisonment or a 15-year minimum mandatory sentence.

"Sentencing reform for juveniles is essential in combatting crime and violence in our cities and towns," Melconian stated. "With the rise in juvenile murders in relation to the rest of society, the penalties for these heinous crimes need to be strengthened. We have accomplished this goal."

Melconian was influential in pushing through a Senate amendment, accepted in the final version, that criminalizes gang behavior. The Senate established penalties of three to five years for coercing a child into joining a criminal street gang, with the sentences increasing from five to 10 years for a second offense.

"Gangs have no place in our communities," Melconian said. "This amendment will serve to deter gangs and the coercion of children into gangs."

Other provisions of the legislation include eliminating trial de novo which has given defendants two bites of the justice apple, public access to criminal proceedings involving juveniles, banning juvenile felons from obtaining or selling a firearm, and giving judges the power to impose juvenile or adult sentences on juvenile offenders.

"The Legislature has authored legislation that is amongst the strongest in the nation, and it is our hope that it will serve as a deterrent to juvenile offenders in the Commonwealth," Melconian said.

State Senate Passes Capital Outlay, Big E State Building Funding

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced Senate passage of the \$385 million Capital Outlay Bill, including \$1.2 million for renovations and improvements to the Massachusetts State Building at the Big E.

"I have been working for several months to ensure that the Massachusetts State Building received proper funding for renovations and upkeep," Melconian said. "The condition of the building is unacceptable, and the money allocated will go a long way toward making our state building the very best in New England."

In March, Melconian was the first legislator to raise the issue of funding for the Big E during debate on the Transportation Bond Bill. Although the Senate failed to fund the building at that time, Melconian continued to push for proper funding. Since the Massachusetts State Building money is also in the House version of the legislation, it is assured of being included in any legislation sent to Governor Weld.

"The Senate and the House have done their jobs, now it is time for the Governor to sign this important legislation," Melconian stated.

For three weeks each fall, the Big E plays host to the largest agricultural fair in New England. The most popular attractions at the event are the six state buildings which showcase the different foods, agriculture, and products distinctive to each New England state.

Each state is responsible for maintaining its own building. Melconian is excited at the jobs and revenue that will be available for Western Massachusetts in renovating the Massachusetts State Building.

"A \$1.2 million renovation is going to require labor and outside contracting," Melconian said. "We will try to ensure that the jobs created are from Western Massachusetts so that our citizens can benefit from this exciting project."

The development of the Massachusetts Building should stimulate even greater excitement for the Big E, and hopefully the Massachusetts exhibits. With an improved facility, Massachusetts should draw more visitors and in a more friendly setting, show off the tourist attractions, sports teams, and natural resources that the Commonwealth has to offer.

"I could not be more excited for this wonderful opportunity," Melconian said. "Jobs will be created during the renovation, and the Massachusetts State Building will serve proudly as a valuable resource and positive attraction for the Commonwealth, Western Massachusetts, and Hampden County."

Planter Adopters...



THE AGAWAM FUNERAL HOME has been welcomed to the Town's "Adopt-A-Planter" list. For the first time this year, the Agawam Funeral Home is participating in the program and has taken over the plantings at Town Hall. Whereas most adopters maintain those flowers supplied and planted by the Beautification Committee, the Agawam Funeral Home purchased all of the flowers which now grace the front of the building and used its personnel to plant them. Their generous contribution is appreciated. Pictured near the flowers with Zoafia Demko of the Beautification Committee are Vincent R. Govoni (left) and Mason Soja (right) of the Agawam Funeral Home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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Planzo Family Adopts Planter



FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS Luigi's Pizza and the Planzo family have adopted a planter at Main Street at the foot of Federal Street. Maintenance throughout the year has become a family affair with various members of the Planzo family participating. From left - Jim Planzo (owner of Luigi's) and son Nick Planzo, Carolyne Carrier, and Louis Planzo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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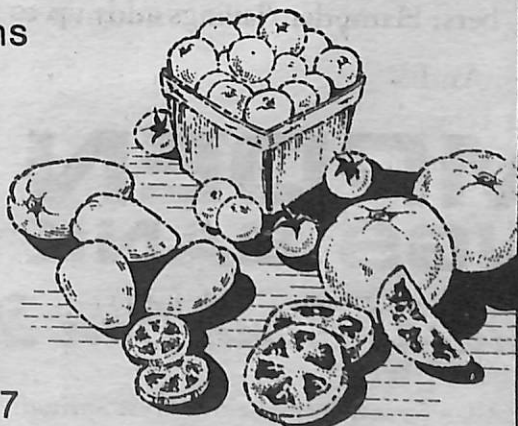
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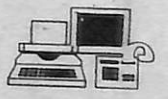
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Agawam COA Seeks Nomination For "Gallano Award"

The Agawam Council on Aging is currently accepting nominations for its annual Andrew C. Gallano Award. This award is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will include (but not be limited to) the following:

- Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Advocates for the needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To obtain a nomination form, contact the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242. When you receive the form, please fill in the following information:

- Date
- Nominee's name
- Address
- In the space provided, please explain why this person should receive the Andrew Gallano Award for his/her work or service to the elders of Agawam. If you have submitted a name in some previous year, please do not hesitate to submit it for the 1996 nomination.
- Your name and phone number. (This information is not absolutely necessary, but if given will be kept confidential.)

When completed, please send this form to:

**The Andrew Gallano Award Committee
c/o The Council on Aging
68 Meadowbrook Manor
Agawam, MA 01001-3128**

Please return the form no later than September 20, 1996.

Agawam Senior Cyclist To Pedal In Autumn Bike Trek For Lung Association

Stewart A. Withee, Sr. of Agawam, who is 65 years young, will pedal from Plymouth to Provincetown this September 13th-15th to benefit the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts (ALAWM). The Autumn Escape Bike Trek is a three-day, 160-mile trek along the back roads and bike paths of scenic Cape Cod, that raises funds to fight lung disease, the third leading cause of death in the U.S.

Although this is Stewart's fifth year riding for ALAWM, he never gets bored because "...seeing old friends and making new ones..." add excitement to this "...well-organized event." Stewart adds, "I, for one, am lucky enough to have my health and am able to make a difference by raising as much money as possible for a wonderful and necessary organization."

The Autumn Escape Bike Trek route features some of the finest New England scenery. Over three days, Stewart will tour the Cape Cod Canal, the Falmouth Shining Sea Bike Trail, the Old King's Highway, and the Cape Cod National Seashore. A two-day option is also available.

Fundraising incentives include a chance to win a Bermuda vacation for two at the Sonesta Beach Hotel and Spa plus Airfare; weekend packages at Boston and Cambridge hotels; and dinner aboard Odyssey Cruise Lines. Registration fee is \$35, and riders must obtain a minimum of \$350 in pledges. An ANSI-approved helmet is required.

The Lung Association will provide accommodations in Sandwich and Brewster, two breakfasts and two dinners, a sagwagon to carry gear, a mobile bike repair shop, experienced leaders, frequent rest stops and plentiful snacks, and communications and check point teams for safety and encouragement.

Funds raised by Stewart and other Western Massachusetts trekkers fund programs and activities in Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire, and Franklin Counties. Especially for kids with asthma are Camp Chest Nut in Becket, a week-long camping experience, and Breath Games, a self-paced day of track and field events at Springfield College. For adults, Better Breathers groups educate and support people with chronic



STEWART A. WITHEE, SR., of Agawam, 65, will be pedaling from Plymouth to Provincetown from September 13th-15th to benefit the American Lung Association.

obstructive lung disease, while smokers who want to quit can attend Freedom From Smoking clinics.

Stewart invites other cyclists to join him in the Trek, "...for fun and funds." If trekking is not possible, donations can be sent to the ALAWM, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, attention Stewart Withee, Sr. For more information about the Autumn Escape Bike Trek and how you can help fight lung disease, please call 737-3506 or 1-800-LUNG-USA.

BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION COMING on Thursday, August 29th. Don't wait until the last minute to get in your display ad or news items.

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beans, shell beans, cantaloupe, beets, carrots, onions, raspberries. Corn, did I mention corn? We've got corn for every tastebud. Butter & sugar. White corn. Yellow corn. Hang around for a couple months and we'll have Indian corn. (And, by the way, Corn Fest '96 is coming August 17th and 18th!)

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THE DISTRICT 7 VFW and Ladies Auxiliary held a joint meeting at the Agawam VFW on South Street on July 21st. From left - Gene Connelly, Bob Slack, Al Schmidt (District 7 commander), and Bill Shea; Back row in photo right - Lillie Corbin, Barbara Williams, Madeleine Shea, Kim Cariveau, and Shirley Lascale. Front row - Lucy Sherard, Rita Shea, Barbara Mayberry, Barbara Rattelle, Patricia Mercure, and Eva Dean. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

VFW District 7 Gathers For Joint Meeting At Agawam VFW Post

District 7 President of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars had a joint meeting with District 7 Commander Al Schmidt with all Presidents and Commanders of District 7 Posts and Auxiliaries at the Agawam VFW Pavillion.

District 7 of Hampden County consists of 14 Auxiliaries and 16 VFW Posts.

District Chairmen were also invited to inform members on the presentation of their programs on National and Dept. of Mass. level.

Line officers and appointed officers were also invited to attend to see if any changes were necessary and new suggestions.

A cookout was held before the meeting with beverages. July 27th will be the first Council of Administration meeting for the ladies in Shelburne Falls, MA. All-State chairmen will speak on the programs for 1995 and 1996.

The District 7 Picnic will also be held at the Agawam Pavillion on September 15th. Tickets are \$10 for your choice of either steak or chicken, plus hamburgs and hotdogs all day and choice of beverage.

The ladies will have a raffle table and proceeds from that only will go into the District 7 treasury according to treasurer Barbara Mayberry.

Contact your own Post or Auxiliary for tickets.



LADIES AUXILIARY DISTRICT 7 officials who attended the recent joint meeting with the men's unit included, from left - Hazel Rankins, junior vice-president; Eleanor Rutkowski, president; Barbara Mayberry; Barbara Rattelle, District 7 president; Rita Shea; and Sandra Mercure, auxiliary president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Annie
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Agawam Senior Ctr.'s Calendar Of Events For Month Of August

Friday, August 2nd: No diabetic screening this month.

Saturday, August 3rd: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, August 5th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, August 6th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available (health insurance assistance - by appointment); 11:30 a.m., Birthdays and anniversaries celebrated; 12:30 p.m., Movie; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check.

Wednesday, August 7th: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment); 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., "Friends" Mini Tag Sale; 12:30 p.m., Special informational presentation — "Agawam School Volunteer Tutors"; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age meeting, Chapter 2.

Thursday, August 8th: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Saturday, August 10th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, August 12th: 9:30 a.m., Weldon Center Hearing Van (free hearing check - by appointment).

Tuesday, August 13th: 12:30 p.m., Movie.

Wednesday, August 14th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Age meeting, Chapter 1.

Thursday, August 15th: 9:00 a.m., Foot care nurses (by appointment).

Saturday, August 17th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, August 19th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, August 20th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available (by appointment); 12:30 p.m., Movie; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check.

Wednesday, August 21st: No Golden Age meeting this day.

Saturday, August 24th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, August 27th: 12:30 p.m., Movie; 2:00 p.m., Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan (by appointment).

Wednesday, August 28th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Age meeting, Chapter 1.

Saturday, August 31st: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

— NEWS AND NOTES —

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION "MINI BUS EXCURSION":

The Council on Aging is again sponsoring transportation to the Big "E" by way of the Senior Center van. Reservations will open the first week of September.

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You may call to reserve — 786-0400, ext. 242. There is no charge for the transportation. The van will depart from the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. and return to the Senior Center at 3:00 p.m.

The Council on Aging would like to wish a "Happy 75th Anniversary" to the Big "E"!

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The good news is that the bus is full. The bad news is that the waiting list is getting longer and a second bus is out of the question.

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VAN TRIPS:

Suggestions for van trips are encouraged. Submit your suggestions to either the transportation department or the activities department.

Try to choose a location that would most likely please the most people. Call 786-0400, ext. 242.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 5th: Liver and onions, summer squash, baked potato, pumpernickel bread, watermelon.

Tuesday, August 6th: Birthdays and anniversaries — Tomato soup, roast beef sandwich, broccoli salad, cake.

Wednesday, August 7th: Fried chicken breast, mashed potato with gravy, corn on the cob, wheat bread, ice cream.

Thursday, August 8th: Strip steak, potatoes au gratin, pepper and onions, wheat bread, canned pears.

Friday, August 9th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, pickled beets, rye bread, pineapple chunks.

(Menu subject to change.)

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MR. & MRS. ALBERT PECKHAM

Peckhams To Celebrate 55th Anniversary On August 2nd

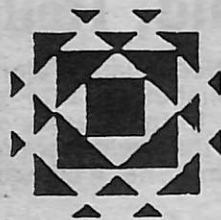
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Peckham of 30 Randall Street, Agawam, will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on August 2nd. They were married in 1941 in Winchendon, MA.

They have four children: Dale Melanson of Agawam, Karen Zadworny and Marla Pignatere of Westfield, and Albert Jr. of West Springfield; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Peckham is retired from Western Mass. Electric Co., and both are actively involved in bowling in leagues and with friends and with yearly trips to Florida.

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Agawam Golden Age Calendar Of Events For Month Of August

August 2nd: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

August 7th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest Mayor Christopher Johnson, who will tell us some facts about the Town of Agawam.

August 8th: Chapter 1 - A trip to the "Laughing Lobster."

August 9th: Chapter 2 - Trip to the Hinsdale Dog Track.

August 14th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

August 21st: Chapter 2 - Our annual picnic to be held this year at the VFW on South Street, Agawam. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

August 23rd: Chapter 1 - Trip to the Saratoga Race Track.

August 23rd: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting has been cancelled.

August 28th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Program to be announced at a later date.

TO BE A NEW subscriber, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137. Thanks.



LUCY LAVALETTE will turn 102 on August 7th and is pictured with great-grandchild Nicole Marie Armitage.

Lucy Lavalette To Celebrate Her 102nd Birthday

Lucy Lavalette will turn 102 on August 7, 1996. Lucy was born in 1894 and has spent her entire life as a resident of Agawam.

When her husband passed away in 1924, Lucy was left to raise her two children, Francis (Lavy) Lavalette of Spencer Street, Agawam, and the late Eugene Lavalette, alone through the Great Depression.

After 40 years of service, Lucy retired from Strathmore Paper Co. in West Springfield in 1962.

She had a house built at 185 High Street in 1928 and lived there until 1991 when she moved into a West Springfield Nursing Home.

Lucy has three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren (including newborn Nicole Marie Armitage), and two great-great-grandchildren.

Anyone who wishes to send a birthday greeting may mail it to:

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Plante Family Announces Birth Of Second Child, Reile Minor

"Big Sister" Addison Noel Plante, along with her parents, Craig and Michelle Plante, proudly announce a new addition to their family of Reile Minor Plante, who graced them with her presence on July 9th at 4:03 p.m. She weighed eight

pounds, 12 ounces and was 22-inches long.

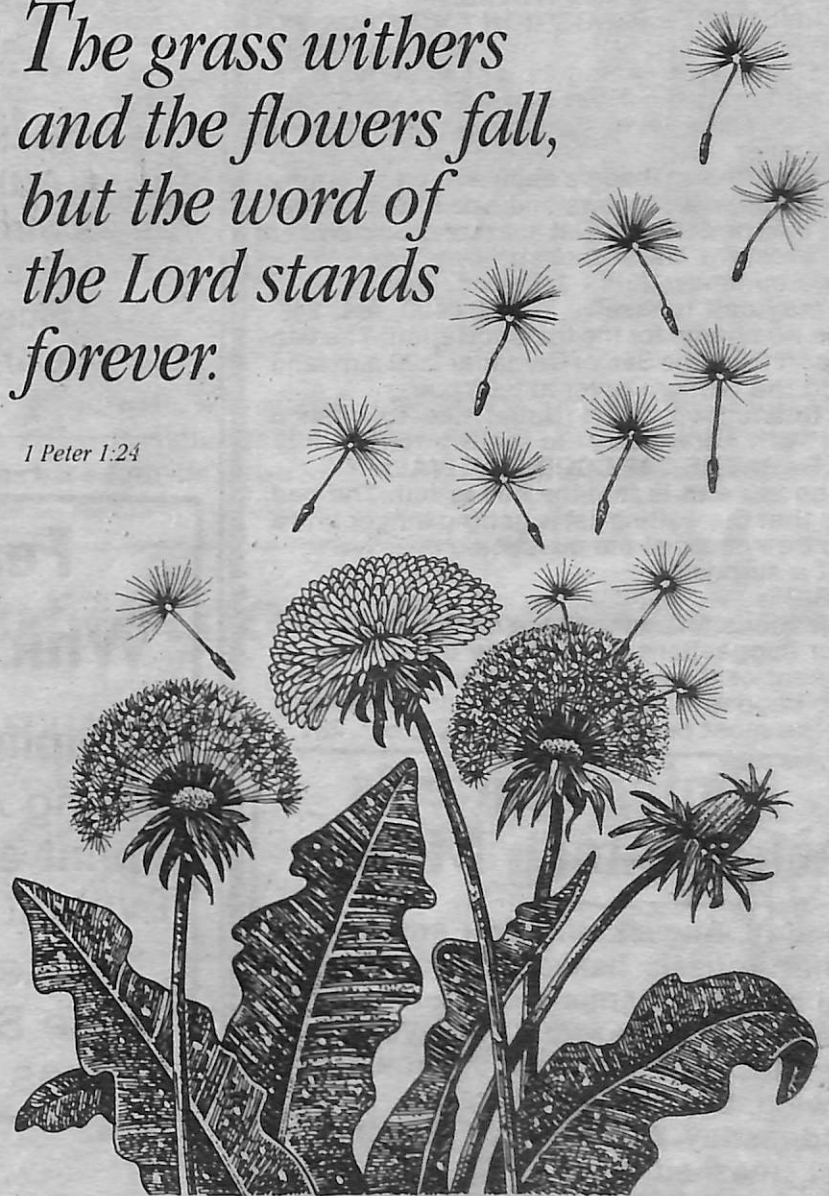
Reile's grandparents are Ed and Dottie Plante of Feeding Hills and Ernie and Alice Noel of Ludlow.

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1 Peter 1:24



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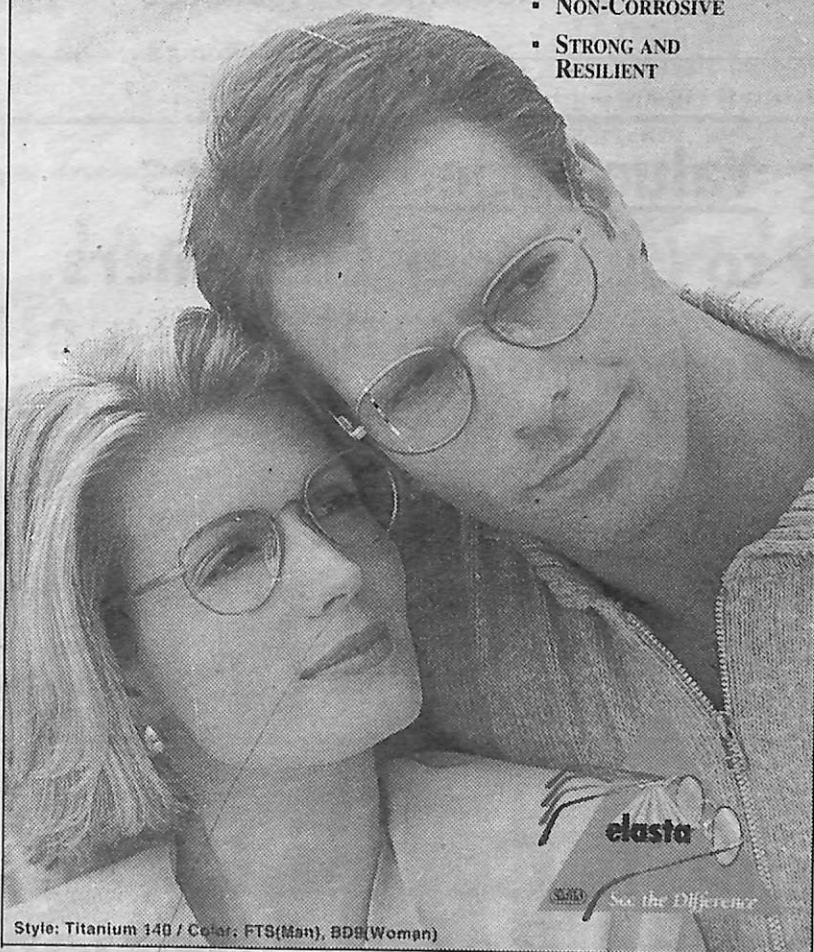
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Church News

St. John's Still Growing After 50 Years

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

As St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam notes the 50th anniversary of the first Mass said in the church, the Reverend Howard W. McCormick, pastor, lauds the "unique and special" spirit of the local people, their determination to found the parish, and the continuation of that spirit as the church continues to grow.

The celebration started with a Mass and reception in April. There will be a picnic on August 25th and a banquet and dance in October.

The community of Agawam has grown in the last 50 years from a farmland to a city and within that, the Catholic parishes in town have grown as well, Father McCormick said. "Most of the parishioners are people who moved here from neighboring cities, finding in Agawam a more rural setting, and close to work in centers of Springfield and Hartford, etc.

"They found the small, close-knit community at St. John's, became part of it, and allowed that initial spirit to grow. So it didn't become the old people and the new people, because as the new people arrived, they were absorbed into this spirit.

"I think the spirit of St. John's has been unique and special," the pastor said. "Parishioners have very much wanted the parish to be part of their lives. Just the amount of growth and support they have given to the church has been substantial. As the parish grew and needed more facilities, they have rallied around and supported that growth process.

"From a relatively small church and very small original rectory, it has grown into a complex that is very much of service to the much larger parish that St. John's is today," he added.

Large Number of Volunteers

He commented on the large number of active volunteers as an exciting thing, then added, "People ready to be supportive and involved.

"I think the present parishioners are able to look at the past 50 years and see in the roots of what has happened a tremendous source of strength and inspiration. We are looking toward the new century to consider what has been done and what can be done.

"As the present is built on the past, so the future will be built on the past and present," Father McCormick concluded. "Let it just continue to evolve in the same unique and special spirit."

BRIEF HISTORY OF CHURCH

Agawam Catholics living primarily in the south

SEE ST. JOHN'S - Page 18...



THIS IS HOW ST. JOHN'S CHURCH LOOKED WHEN it was built back in 1946.



REV. JOHN O'CONNOR, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, and the Mission Church in Agawam, breaks ground for the new St. John's Church in 1945.

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end of Agawam were members of Immaculate Conception Church, West Springfield before 1946, served by the Reverend John A. O'Connor (pastor), curates, and nuns affiliated with the West Springfield Church.

1938: Fr. O'Connor said the first Mass in Agawam's Old Town Hall at School and Main Sts. for 135 people. The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam was founded and conducted fundraising activities toward securing a church here.

1939-41: Since the Town Hall was demolished, the First Congregational Church invited Catholics to hold a Sunday Mass at their church. Growth of both churches eventually caused change.

1941-46: Riverside Park owner Ed Carroll invited Catholics to hold Mass in their bowling alley, providing curtains which parishioners hung and removed to make a more suitable setting.

1943: The Catholic Women's Club purchased land at 833 Main St. from Mr. & Mrs. John Kane. A Catholic Men's Club was formed and joined in the effort.

1945: Groundbreaking for the church building took place October 8th. M.J. Walsh of Holyoke built the church for \$38,000.

1946: Fr. O'Connor celebrated the first Mass in the church on Easter.

1947: Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary consecrated the church on Memorial Day and it was named St. John the Evangelist after the author of the Fourth Gospel.

1955: The Women's Guild was founded to facilitate the church and for some years, ran a parish show.

1971: A Parish Center was built toward the rear of the church parking lot for meetings, classes, banquets, sports, etc. Mass was held here during church renovations.

1974: First renovation of church extended the front of building toward Main St., added seating, and a belfry.

1982: New rectory built at rear of Parish Center. Original rectory on Main St. demolished for parking space.

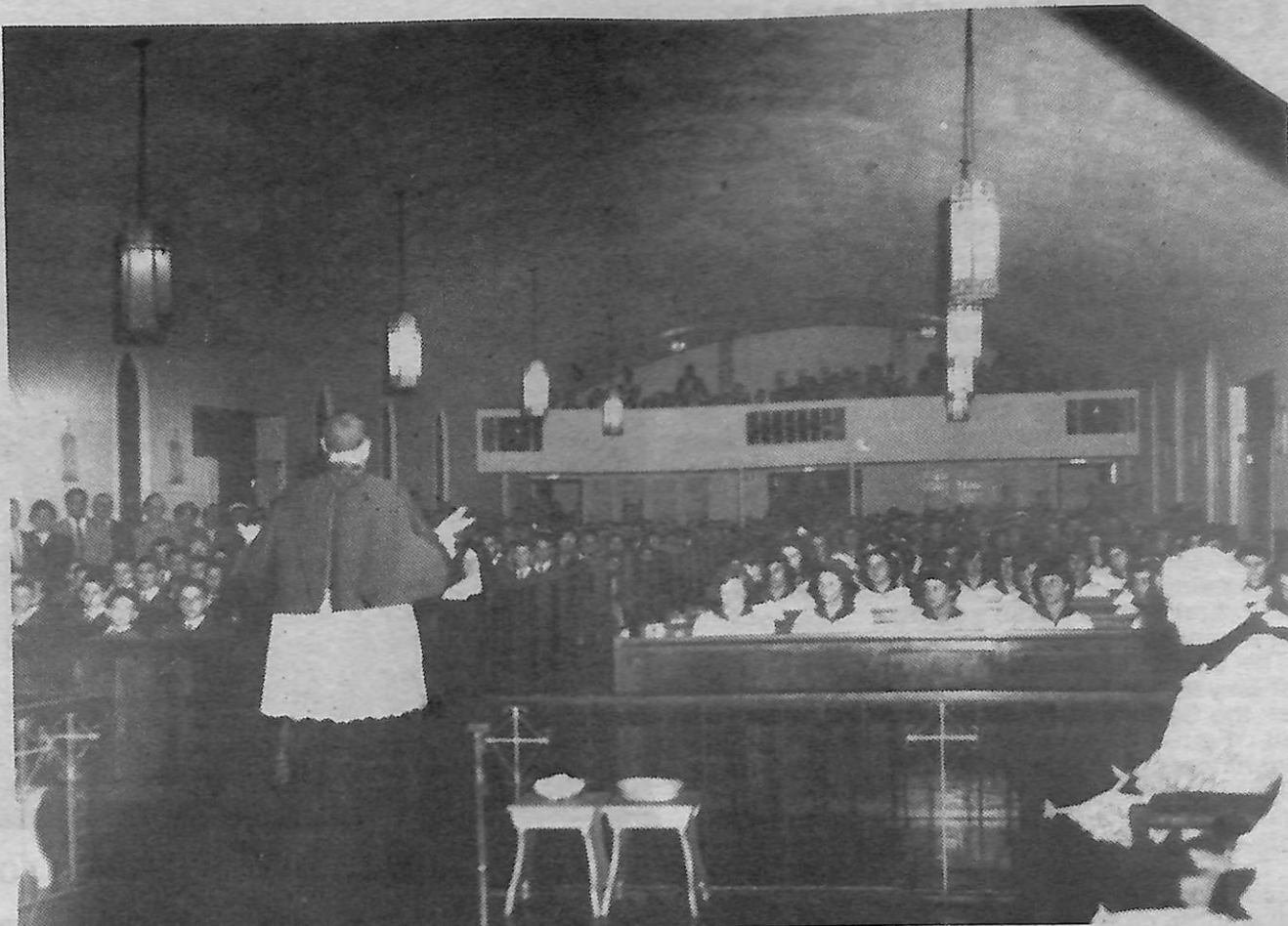
1988: Second major renovation saw extended sides to the church building, stained glass windows installed behind altar, entrances enhanced. Church now seats 600 people at a time. Choir loft removed and music ministry moved to altar area.

1991: Hodge property adjacent to church purchased for parking.

1996: The Altar Repose housing the Tabernacle completed, a mobile baptismal font, and sculptured crucifix over the altar were secured.

In 50 years, the congregation grew from 134 parishioners to 6,300. There were many curates, now called Parochial Vicars, that served St. John's, including the present Parochial Vicar, the Reverend John K. Sheaffer. There were also many nuns (Sisters of St. Joseph) serving in many ways, including the present Pastoral Minister, Sister Frances White.

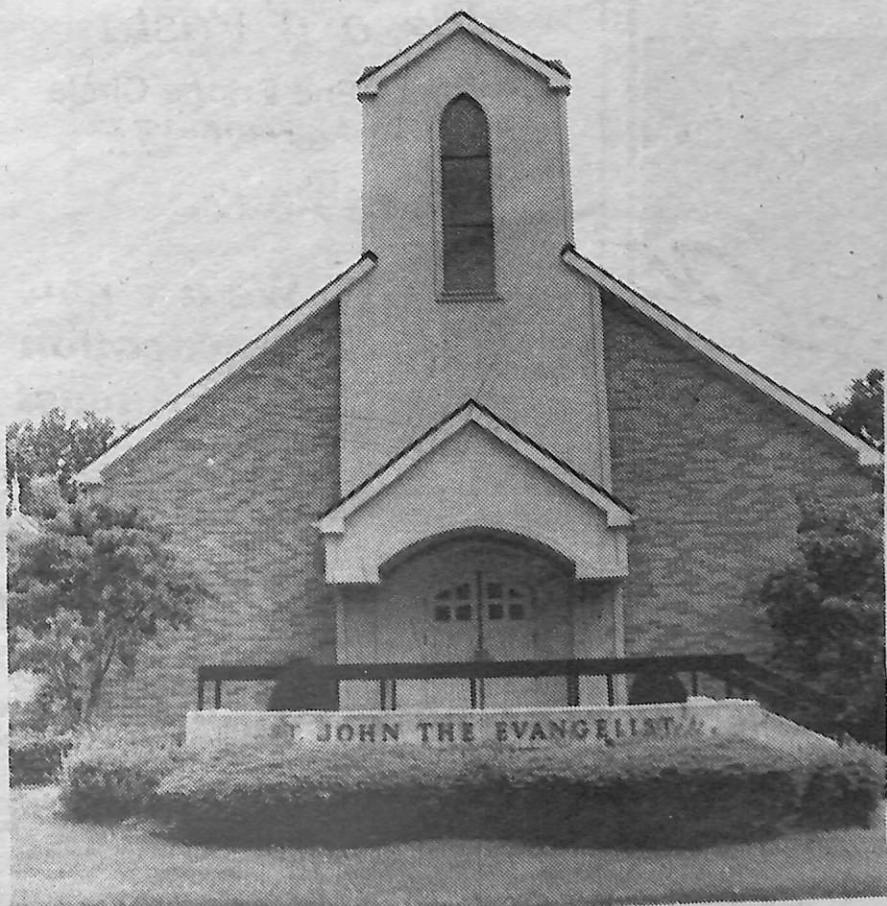
Priests who served as pastors after Father O'Connor were: Reverend John P. Scanlon (1948-1965); Reverend Walter J. Joyce (1965-1978); Reverend Karl Huller (1978-1990); Reverend Richard Meehan (1991-1994); and Reverend Howard W. McCormick (1994 to-date).



FORMER SPRINGFIELD BISHOP Thomas O'Leary officially consecrated the church on Memorial Day 1947 and it was named St. John the Evangelist after the author of the Fourth Gospel.



THE ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER as it looks in 1996. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO LEFT, the front of St. John's the Evangelist Church as it looks in 1996. IN PHOTO RIGHT, members of the St. John's 50th Anniversary Committee - David A. Ladizki, Sasha Zebryk, Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, and Paul Schafer. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Church News - continued...

Vacation Bible Camp At St. John's Church



IN PHOTO LEFT, five and six year-olds who attended the Vacation Bible Camp at St. John's Church on Main Street. IN PHOTO RIGHT are seven and eight year-olds who attended the camp. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Events Calendar From Sacred Heart Church

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

August 4th - Youth Meeting, Parish Center, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

August 8th - Swim/Cookout, 4 Memory Lane, 4:00 p.m.; Bingo, St. Joseph, Suffield, 6:30 p.m., \$1 to \$10 (RSVP by 12:00 noon on August 7th).

August 13th - Movie Night, Cinema, 6:15 p.m., Cost \$10 (RSVP by 12:00 noon on August 12).

BAPTISM:

Please welcome into our parish family those who were recently baptized: **Kassandra Nicolina Pepper** and **Austin Richard Darnell**.

Congratulations to their parents and families.

TAG/CRAFT SALE:

Applications are now available for the renting of spaces for the Tag/Craft Sale to be held in the church parking lot on **Saturday, September 7th**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a rain date of **Sunday, September 8th**, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Either tag items or craft items can be sold (or both, if you want), but a separate section will be set up for each.

Rental fee is \$15.00. Applications can be obtained by calling **Theresa at 786-4966** or **Nancy at 786-3384**. They may also be picked up at the rectory during daytime business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Bishop Thomas L. Dupre invites all couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th or 50th) any time within the year to a special **Anniversary Celebration and Reception** which will be held on **Sunday, September 22, 1996** at Our Lady of Hope Church, Springfield.

If you are celebrating a special anniversary, please notify the parish by calling (or mailing to the rectory) the name, address, and number of years married. A special invitation will be sent from the Bishop and you can choose to attend or not.

For more information, call **Pastoral Ministry Office, 732-3175, ext. 259**.

Vendors Wanted For Tag/Craft Sale At Sacred Heart Church

Applications are now being accepted for the Annual Tag/Craft Sale at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills on **Saturday, September 7th**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be held in the parking lot of the church.

For an application or more information, call **786-4966** or **786-3384**.

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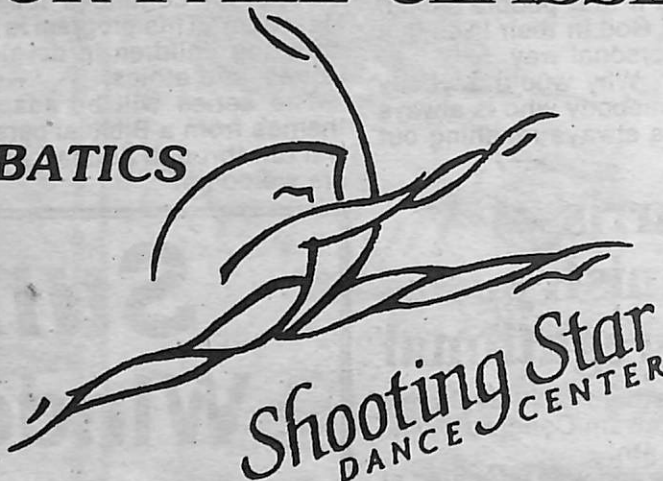


FOUR AND FIVE YEAR-OLD children who attended the St. John's Bible Camp. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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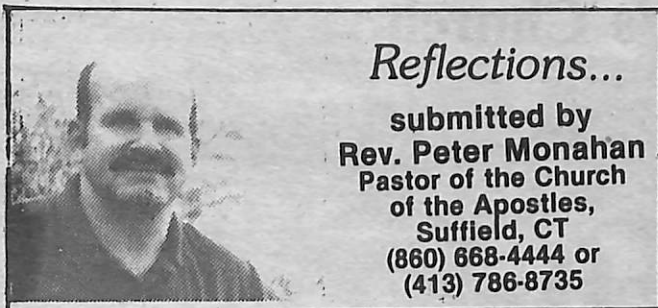
Saturday, August 10, 1996 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, August 14, 1996 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 29, 1996 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

*** FALL CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1996 ***

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Reflections...

submitted by
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"Jesus Feeds The 5,000"...

Have you ever wondered how we can know with assurance that Jesus Christ really is who the Church says He is? Addressing this very question, Jesus once said: *"Have faith in Me when I say that the Father is one with Me and that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in Me simply because of the things I do."*

Jesus was saying that anybody can talk big, so in case there are any doubts, we could believe in Him on the basis of the miracles He performed.

Among the many miracles Jesus performed, perhaps one of the most famous is when He turned two fish and five loaves of bread into enough food to feed more than 5,000 people. It is not only one of the more famous of the many miracles Jesus performed, but also one of the favorites for the skeptics to attack, to attempt to water down or otherwise discredit.

The skeptics cannot deny that something extraordinary took place. After all, there were more than 5,000 involved. Nobody in the first century attempted to deny this story when it first appeared in all four of the gospels. The skeptics are perplexed by this story, simply because nobody else has ever done something so extraordinary.

As Jesus Himself said, maybe it is hard to believe in Him because He says we should, but we can believe in Him because of the things He did. It would appear that both Jesus' friends and foes would have to admit that He is more than just a great teacher or an exemplary person, but that He really is the Son of God, just like He said.

However, modern skeptics do not give up so easily. They have learned that even if you cannot deny that an event occurred, you can try to revise history.

One of the favorite ways skeptics try to dismantle the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 is to say it didn't really happen in the first place, at least not the way it is reported.

Instead of accepting the story at face value, as was done for the first 1,800 years after the miracle occurred, modern skeptics reinterpret the story of the feeding of the 5,000 as a case study of human generosity. They claim that 5,000 people were listening to Jesus and getting hungrier by the minute, but they refused to open their knapsacks because in a spirit of great stinginess they did not want to risk having to share their food with others who might not have brought anything to eat.

But then, because the small boy volunteered his two fish and five loaves of bread to Jesus, the rest of the crowd was inspired to share their food as well, and it turned out there was plenty for everybody!

For some reason, modern skeptics seem to be bound and determined to undermine people's faith, or their ability to have faith, in Jesus Christ. They seem unable to stand it that people should know the love and grace of God in their lives in a wonderful, powerful, and personal way.

Why would they do this? Why would anybody turn another away from Somebody who is always compassionate, and who is always reaching out to us?

Dr. Erick Parris To Begin Ministry At Ag. Congregational

Dr. Erick Parris of Westfield will begin his ministry of music at the Agawam Congregational Church on Sunday, August 4th.

Dr. Parris is from Panama and was educated at Panama National School of Music, the University of Massachusetts, and the Atlantic Union College in So. Lancaster, MA.

He has worked at the First Baptist Church in Amherst and the Westminster Congregational Church in Worcester.

Erick is a composer of many vocal pieces, as well as pieces for orchestras, musical instruments, and piano.

Erick, his wife, and three children reside in Westfield. He and his wife teach in the Holyoke School Systems. He also teaches part-time as a Music Composition Professor at Atlantic Union College.

The talent and challenges he will bring to our choir and congregation should be very rewarding for all. Join us any Sunday to hear and meet this multi-talented musician.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Richard Rangoon will be our guest preacher while Rev. Donaldson enjoys a vacation. The sermon this week is entitled "Love and Trust."

Children are welcome to attend church with their parents, leaving at the designated time for a planned activity; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

There will be an All Church Picnic on Sunday, August 11th, immediately following morning worship. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, and ice cream will be provided.

Please bring a salad and your favorite outdoor game to share with others. A picnic basket will be passed to collect money for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to let us know you'll be joining in on the fun!

The final session of Vacation Bible School will be held at the church on Saturday, August 17th. Participants will enjoy an outdoor hike, sleep over

Harvest Assembly Of God To Host 4th Annual Kid's & Family Crusade

Harvest Assembly of God will be hosting its fourth annual Kid's and Family Crusade on August 3rd and 4th at 121 Union Street in West Springfield.

Saturday's session will be at 3:00 p.m. On Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., there will be a special family service, and the concluding rally will be on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Kevin Ross (Irvin D. Clown) and his wife, Elaine (Rosebud), travel nationally to bring the

Weekly Activities At Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, August 4th is the 10th Sunday After Pentecost. Summer Worship service at Agawam Congregational Church is at 9:30 a.m. Summer hours will continue through to Sunday, September 1st.

This Sunday, Reverend Fuller's sermon will be "Do Not Send Them Away" taken from Text Matthew 14:13-21. The Children's Message will be "Don't Go Yet!"

This Sunday is also "Visitation Sunday." Members will visit shut-ins and/or nursing home residents between 1:00-2:30 p.m. and return to the church for dessert and fellowship from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

This Sunday, we welcome our new Organist/Choir Director, Dr. Erick Parris. Join us at the Worship Service and at the Coffee Hour following service for a reception welcoming Erick and his family.

The Summer Youth Church "Kids For Character" continues following the "Children's Message." This program is a series devoted to instructing children in developing their character, values, and ethics.

The series will be adapted to support these themes from a Biblical perspective. This program will run through Sunday, August 25th. All children are welcome!

at the church, and outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 18th.

Please use the sign-up sheets in Griswold Hall if you plan on enjoying the fun (or helping to provide it). If you have any questions, call Melinda, 789-1463, Chris, 789-9606, or speak to any member of the Board of Christian Education.

Linda Edelman and Carol Taylor have extended their thanks and appreciation to Rose and Perry McCobb, the Ladies Benevolent Society, and all the others for the lunch served after the funeral of their mother, Marjorie Taylor. To all of those who provided food and arranged the table, they are extremely grateful.

It was a very sad time for us all, especially the Ladies Society, as we lost one of our most dedicated and hard-working members. It's hard to put into words how Marge will be missed.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, August 4th: 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship with Rev. Rangoon as guest preacher; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

Monday, August 5th: 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

Tuesday, August 6th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Saturday, August 10th: 1:00 p.m., Christian Ed; Rev. Donaldson's vacation ends.

gospel and a positive message to families and children of all backgrounds and church denominations.

There will be puppets, special contests, face painting, balloon twisting, and small prizes given as a part of the program. Each program is approximately 1½ hours in length, and admission is free.

The church is located near the International House of Pancakes. For more information, you may call the church at 739-1234.

ABC Bellringers At First Baptist Church

The observation of holy communion will be celebrated at the 9:30 a.m. morning worship service this Sunday at First Baptist Church.

The ABC Bellringers, composed of members of the church, under the direction of Everett Hodge and Mary Ferrari, will present special music.

A social hour will follow worship in Davis Hall. Vacation bible school will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Worthington Hall. All children, ages three years to sixth grade, are invited to attend.

On our calendar this week:

Tuesday, August 6th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee meets (Parlor)

Wednesday, August 7th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 7:00 p.m., Miniature Golf (all ages invited)

Thursday, August 8th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

Caring Connection contacts for the month of August are Sharon Grabowski (860-668-0450) and Janice Lock (789-7476).

Rally Day is coming up! Mark your calendar now! On Sunday, September 8th, the youth group and other members of the church will be presenting vignettes about Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.

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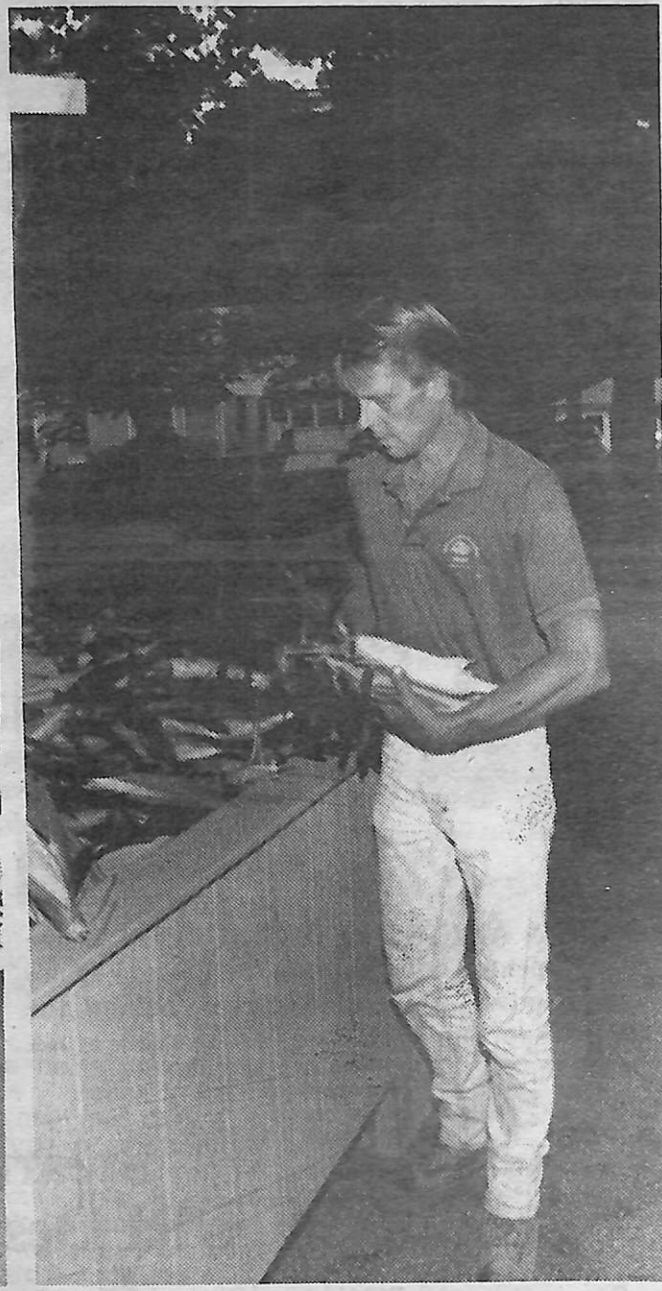
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Spotlight On Business

Corn, Veggies Plentiful At Stepanik Farm



THE STEPANIK FAMILY, owners of Richard Stepanik & Sons Farm are enjoying a good summer at their farmstand on Shoemaker Lane. From left - Shaun Epps bags a dozen ears of corn; IN MIDDLE PHOTO, Bill Stepanik says the tomatoes are looking good; in PHOTO RIGHT, Richie Stepanik restocks corn at the stand. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



DAVE & ANGIE FLETCHER served as the grand opening coordinators for the new Quail Run Estates on Cardinal Drive (behind the Italian Sporting Club). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Quail Run Estates Offering "Gracious Retirement Living"

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Quail Run Estates on Cardinal Drive, Agawam, held a gala grand opening on Sunday, July 28th, and invited the public to tour the premises, enjoy music, art, and refreshments, and acquaint themselves with the offered style of "gracious retirement living."

The open house, attended by 1,200 guests, was from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It climaxed with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Among participants were Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson and State Rep. Daniel Keenan. A blessing was given by the Rev. John K Shaeffer, parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, and representatives of the Agawam American Legion posted the colors.

A horse-drawn carriage carried guests from the parking lot to the main building (if they wished the ride) where they were greeted by Miss Massachusetts, Lori Fleck. Lori was official hostess and posed with families for family portraits.

Steven Cirillo of Agawam played the baby grand piano in the dining area throughout the day, and there was music by the Dynamic Duo, a banjo player and an accordionist. Soloist was Jennifer St. Laurate (Miss New Bedford), a special guest of Miss Massachusetts.

A husband and wife team, Dave & Angie Fletcher, were grand-opening coordinators.

Tours revealed that residences at Quail Run Estates include cottages, garden suites, studio apartments, and one- or two-bedroom apartments. They are rented on a month-to-month basis, requiring no buy-in or lease. The rent includes all utilities except personal telephone calls, and there are many amenities, including cable TV, meals, laundry, and housekeeping services.

The central section of the main building houses a lounge, dining room, offices, exercise/craft and billiards rooms, a TV room with a 48" TV screen, a room designated as a chapel, and a library with books mostly donated by residents.

A soft, elegant mauve is the predominant decorator color of carpets, upholstery, and the dining room. There is a coffee bar open all day at one end of the dining room.

The Main Building...

The main building is three stories high and there are elevators. Housed are studio (one-room) apartments with bath, one- and two-bedroom apartments. These have kitchenettes for light meals considering that these tenants are entitled to three meals a day in the dining room.

Cottages boast cathedral ceilings, fireplaces, full kitchens, and garages. They have one or two bedrooms, one or two baths. Garden suites are smaller and have car ports. These tenants are entitled to one meal of their choice a day with their rent. The suites have a view of a garden area currently being planted, and tenants may plant near their suites if they wish.

Weekly housecleaning is provided for all residences, and management provides sheets and towels weekly. There are also laundry facilities in each area.

Safety features include handrails and emergency buzzers in bathrooms, and all doors are wide enough for wheelchairs.

All walls are insulated, 2x6 between apartments as well as outer walls, according to David Fletcher. They are insulated, sound and fireproof, he said. Upstairs apartments have balconies, and those on the first floor have small patios. Small pets are even allowed (on the first floor only). There are heat and air-conditioning controls in every apartment.

Since Holiday Retirement Corp. of Oregon, owners of Quail Run Estates, has 170 identical facilities throughout North America, it has buying power. Fletcher said there are 160 paintings,

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Stearns & Yerrall Associate Receives GRI Designation After Completing Course

George R. Yerrall, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, announces that Marybeth Oakley of the Longmeadow Sales Office recently had conferred upon her the designation Graduate, REALTOR Institute (GRI).


The GRI designation signifies 90 hours of advanced in-class real estate education. REALTORS

who have passed the GRI examinations are recognized as having attained one of the highest professional levels in residential real estate.

The REALTOR Institute is a program of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS and meets the rigid standards set for such programs by the National Association of REALTORS. Its

purpose is to enable REALTORS to better service their clients and customers through education and training in real estate.

Marybeth is a member of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, and she currently resides in Longmeadow, MA.



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MISS MASSACHUSETTS Lori Fleck and officials from Quail Run Estates in Agawam cut the ribbon last Sunday as Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (back, center), State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan (back, left), and Town Council President Nancy Thompson (right) look on. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.



LOOKING ON DURING OPENING CEREMONIES at Quail Run Estates on Cardinal Drive included, standing, from left -Rev. John K. Shaeffer, St. John's Church; Edward A. Caba, Town Council; Christopher C. Johnson, mayor; Lori Fleck, Miss Massachusetts; Jennifer St. Laurate, Miss New Bedford; and Nancy Thompson, Town Council president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AN HONOR GUARD from the Agawam American Legion helped with the grand opening ceremonies at Quail Run Estates on Cardinal Drive last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

QUAIL RUN ESTATES - from Page 22...

mostly still life and landscapes, on display throughout the **Quail Run Hills**. He said the owners have purchased art works all over the world.

Quail Run is intended to be a community resource, according to Angie Fletcher. A community center for seniors and meetings of groups such as AARP, political groups, and non-profit organizations is available.

In charge of the local \$7.5 million facilities are husband and wife teams: Jack & Jeanine Penny, managers who live on the premises; co-managers are Donald & Lillian Miller; Ward & Judy Lawrence are the marketing team; and Tom & Dorothy Mapes are in charge of activities.

Fitness Room At AHS Has Summer Hours

From now through August 16th, the Fitness Room at Agawam High School will be opened from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for high school students.

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Local Realtor Receives Award

George R. Yerrall, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, announces that Luayne Schwartz of the Longmeadow Sales Office has been recognized for achieving TOP PRO Certification for Residential Real Estate for 1995.

This accomplishment placed Luayne in the top five percent of all sales professionals in the industry. This distinguished award was presented to Luayne by *National Relocation & Real Estate* magazine.

Luayne is a member of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, and she currently resides in Longmeadow, MA.

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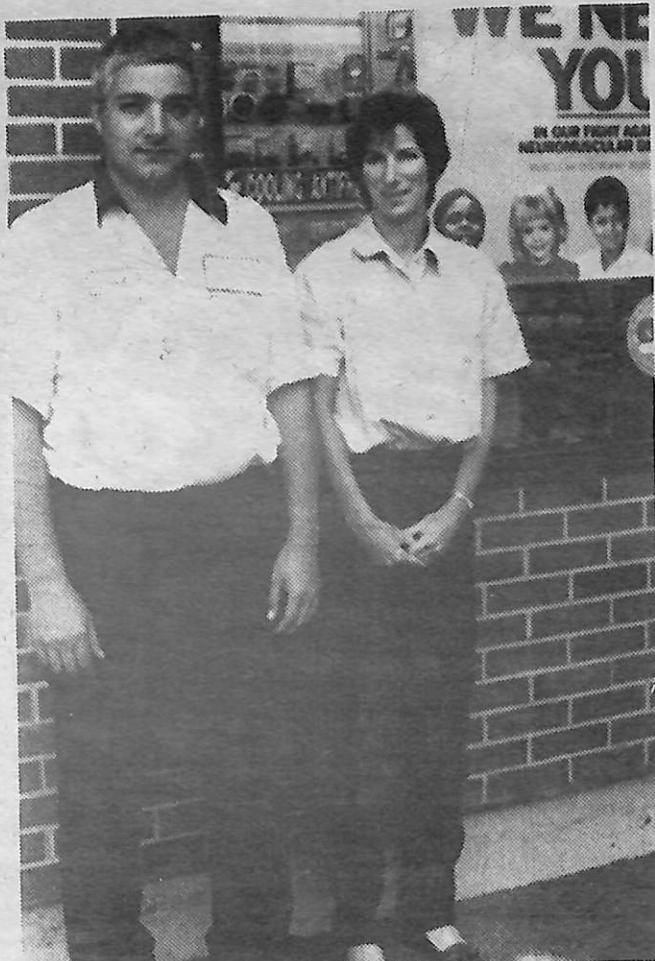
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FRANK & SHEILA PALANGE, owners of **V & F Auto Service and Carquest Auto Parts** at 443 Springfield Street are involved with a promotion to benefit the **Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

V & F Auto Helping Jerry Lewis Telethon With Carquest Promo

The Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon will benefit from a joint promotion at **V & F Auto Service and Carquest Auto Parts**, located at 443 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Owners Vinnie & Frank Palange are promoting a fun and easy program to help "Jerry's Kids" by showing their customers that V & F Auto Service and Carquest Auto Parts care about the community.

Vinnie & Frank are asking all of their customers to contribute \$1 by buying a circular Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) sticker that will carry that individual customer's name. Each circular sticker is then proudly placed on the front window of Vinnie & Frank's storefront.

All money raised will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association's programs and research and will be donated to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Weekend Telethon.

At the end of the promotion in late August, Vinnie and Frank will place all of the stickers into a box and randomly select the names of lucky customers who will receive prizes. The drawing will be held after Labor Day Weekend.

So stop by and say hello to Vinnie, Frank, and their staff. You can help the fight for "Jerry's Kids" by just donating a buck. V & F Auto Service and Carquest Auto Parts are open Monday - Friday.

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What Kind Of Home Is Best For You?

Whether you select a single family home on a private lot, or a condominium or townhouse on a shared lot, purchasing a new residence is a serious decision. As a home shopper, you should weigh the benefits of the various types of housing available to determine which kind of property will best accommodate your needs and lifestyle.

One of the most common types of housing is the single family, detached home. These homes are available in many shapes, sizes, and price ranges. Owners of single family, detached homes are responsible for all expenses associated with maintaining both the home and the property which the home is located on—including the property taxes, trash collection, water, sewer and other utilities, etc.

More recently, neighborhoods of single family, detached homes have been grouped together in "common-interest subdivisions." Homeowners in these subdivisions are required to abide by a number of covenants, conditions, and restrictions, and to share the cost of maintaining recreational facilities and common areas.

Condominiums, or "condos" as they are more commonly called, can take many forms. They can be stacked in high-rise complexes, or separated into duplexes or fourplexes (also called "single family, attached homes"). The key difference between a single family, detached home and a condo is that when you buy a condo, you are not buying

the unit itself. Instead, you are buying the "air space" in the unit and an undivided interest in the surrounding walls, floors, ceilings, recreational facilities, and common areas, which are jointly owned by everyone with an ownership stake in the complex. The expenses of maintaining the structure and common areas is divided up among all the owners, who pay a monthly assessment.

Townhouses also can take several different physical forms, but they typically consist of a row of homes attached by at least one common wall. Unlike condominium ownership, many townhouses allow for individual ownership of the home and the land on which it is located. Like condominiums, most townhouse developments are maintained through the assessment of a monthly fee or each owner is responsible for their individual owned area.

The terms "condominium" and "townhouse" often are used interchangeably, so it's important to know exactly what type of residence you are buying and what ownership interest you will have in the property.

With an understanding of the types of homes available, it's important to look at other factors which may influence your purchase decision, such as price and maintenance.

Condominiums and townhouses typically are more affordable than single family, detached homes. They are an attractive option for first-time homebuyers or those looking to "trade down" to a smaller retirement home. The wide availability of condominiums and townhouses in vacation and resort areas also makes them an affordable option for investors looking for a second home.

Retirees and "empty nesters" are attracted to condominiums and townhouses because they generally require less property maintenance. So do career-focused singles and couples who prefer to spend their leisure time on the tennis courts, instead of mowing the lawn. If a "low maintenance" lifestyle is important, a condominium or townhouse may be right for you.

By contrast, a single family, detached home appeals to individuals and families who prefer to have and maintain their own property, and who seek freedom, privacy, and spaciousness offered by these residences.

Whether you are a first-time homebuyer, an investor, an empty nester, or looking to "buy-up," a professional real estate agent can help you determine which type of home is right for you.

(John Schuler is the Owner/Broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in the Southgate Plaza, Agawam, MA [413-789-1117]).

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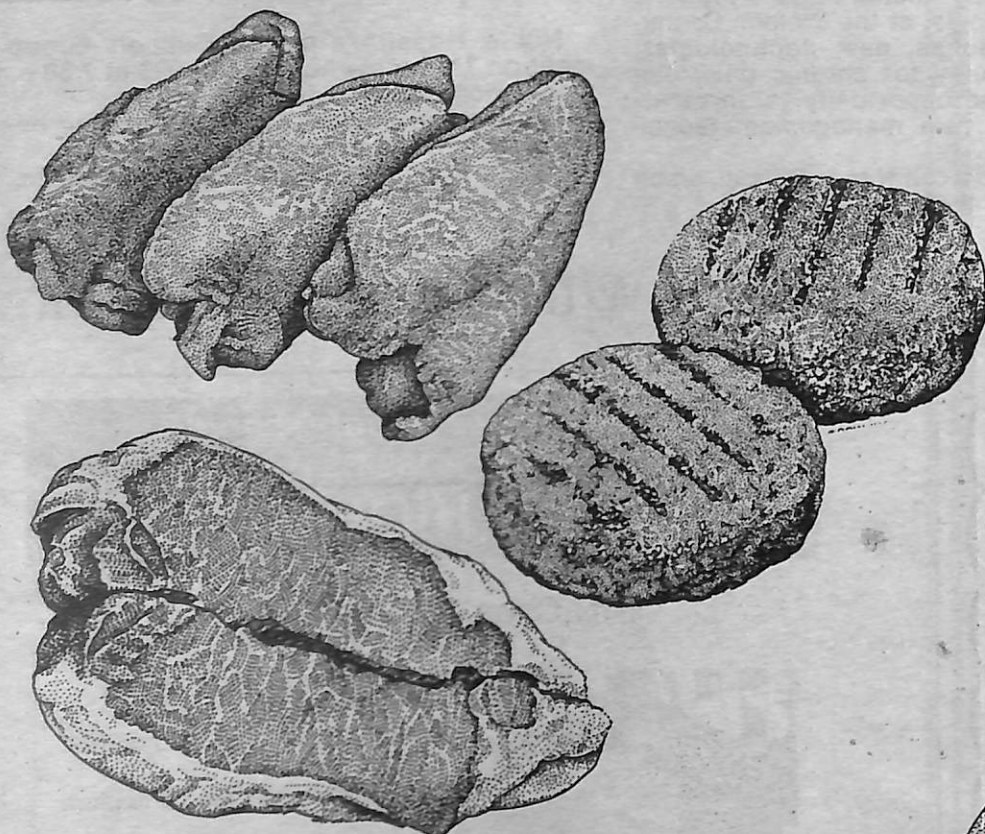
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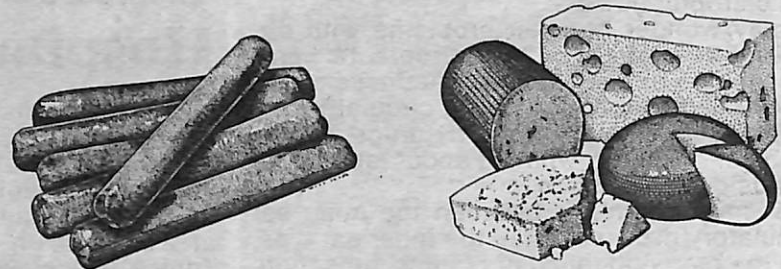


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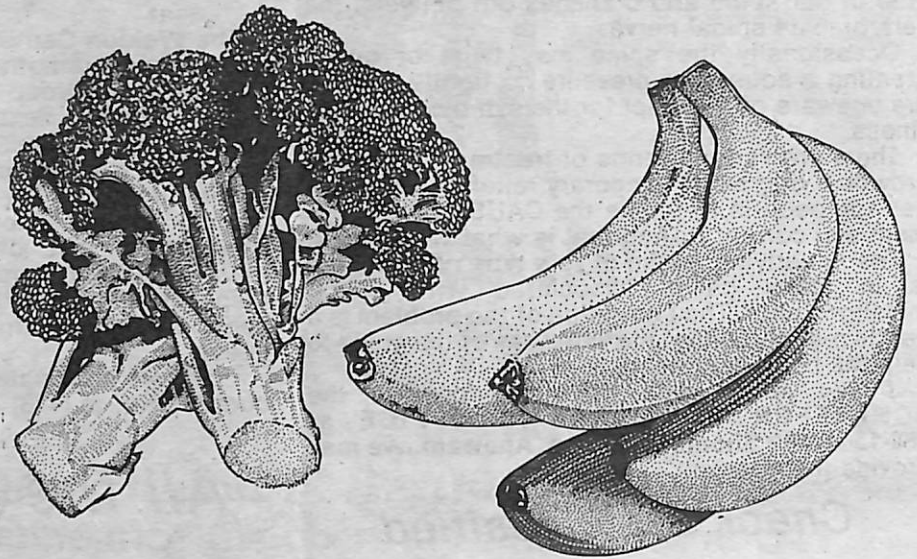
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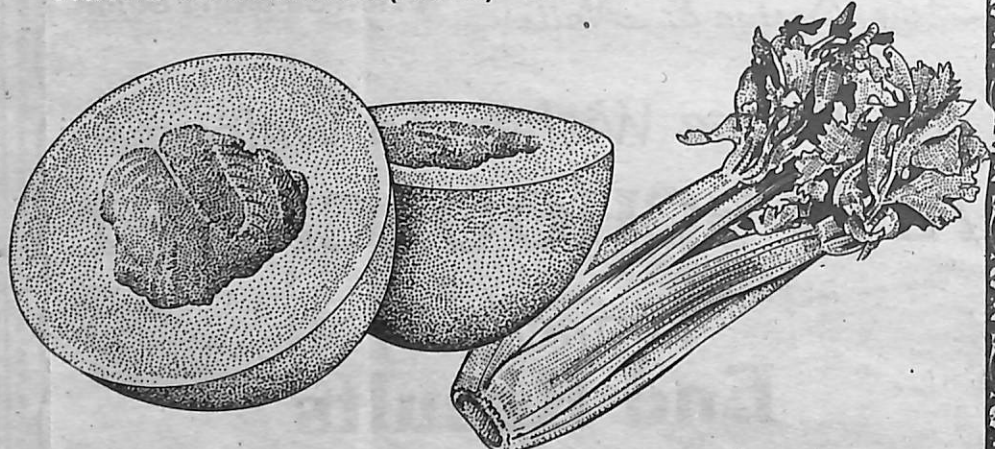
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Alleviating Dizziness Through Chiropractic Care

If you've been watching the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, you may have seen the outstanding performance by Mary Ellen Clark. Clark, a veteran platform diver, captured the silver medal for the U.S. in this event.

It was announced to the world that prior to her victory, Clark had been sidelined for over a year with vertigo (recurring dizziness) and, after seeing many specialists, Clark was returned to health through chiropractic care.

You may wonder how her problems with dizziness were alleviated through chiropractic care.

There are two primary types of dizziness or vertigo. They are: (1) inner ear and (2) circulatory.

Both types may be produced by drugs, stress, accidents, or by merely whirling about rapidly like many of us did as children.

The primary difference between the inner ear and circulatory dizziness is, in the inner ear type, it is like the merry-go-round or twirling sensation, whereas the circulatory type becomes apparent when lying down or bending over and getting up quickly and feeling faint. It is possible to have both kinds.

Dizziness is not a disease. It is an indication that something is amiss in the delicate balance of our body. The dizzy spells are a warning that some disorder is interfering with the body's proper function.

All of the functions of our body are under the control of the nervous system, which is similar to a highly complex electronic system. The nervous system originates in the brain where nerve energy is transmitted down through the spinal cord inside of our spine and branches out between the vertebrae as spinal nerves.

Occasionally the spine may twist or curve, creating a squeezing pressure so lightly that we are unaware of it except for the symptoms of dizziness.

There are various forms of treatment that may provide a degree of temporary relief, but the proper approach is to locate the CAUSE of the problem and correct it. And that is what we do best.

The underlying cause of this type of condition is in many cases associated with spinal misalignments. The correction of the problem is a gentle realignment of the vertebrae of the spine to help the body heal itself.

If you suffer with dizziness, contact the **SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE** at 789-1369, 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. We may provide the answer.

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Diabetes Support Group To Meet At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, August 27, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. in Noble Hospital's Conference Room A on the ground floor.

Kathleen Lovell, BSN, M.Ed., and Lorraine Wallace, MPH, will discuss important facts about heart attacks for persons with diabetes.

The Diabetes Support Group is free and open to individuals with diabetes and their spouse or support persons. Registration is necessary.

For more information about the Diabetes Support Group, please call the Nursing Administration Department at 568-2811, ext. 5754.

Diabetic Programs Offered At Mercy Hospital In August

A series of diabetic education programs will be offered in August by the Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The free hour-long programs will be conducted on four consecutive days, beginning August 12th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center. Topics will include: "Introduction to Diabetes," "Diet and Diabetes," "Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes," and "Complications Related to Diabetes."

Registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Chronic Pain Support Group To Meet In Aug. At Mercy Hospital

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital in Springfield sponsors a free Chronic Pain Support Group for sufferers, their families, and friends. The next meetings will be conducted on August 6th and 20th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is led by Glenn Fagen, Ph.D., a clinical neuropsychologist at the Weldon Center. Dr. Fagen will discuss new technologies, theories, and treatments for chronic pain; participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and learn pain management techniques.

For more information, call Nancy Shimel, group coordinator, at (413) 748-6800.



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Piriformis Syndrome

This is a subject I have written about in the past. However, it is worth repeating, especially since several patients recently have presented to my office with this problem. Piriformis syndrome is sciatic-type pain (pain in the buttocks, thigh, and calf that also can be accompanied by numbness and tingling sensations). The cause is due to the fact that the sciatic nerve is being irritated from the piriformis muscle spasm.

The piriformis is a muscle located deep in the buttocks, the sciatic nerve runs through this muscle. When the muscle spasms or contracts, it can lead to low back, buttock, hip or leg pain, numbness or tingling. This can be caused by a sudden stretch reflex, prolonged sitting (especially on a wallet), vascular problems, overpronation of the feet, muscle imbalance, or a lumbar or pelvis dysfunction.

Treatment includes massage and trigger point work, mobilization of the musculature and joints, chiropractic adjustments to the spine, pelvis, hips and feet, and physical modalities. Also, a home exercise program is very important.

Piriformis syndrome may take a long time to heal (8-10 weeks), due to the fact that this muscle is constantly being used (sitting, walking, standing). Out of the four people who came into this office and were treated at the same time for this problem, three are doing fine and one is still having some problems, however she is getting better.

If you think you may be suffering with this condition, contact our office today.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

Cancer Support Group To Meet At Noble Hospital In Westfield

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, August 15, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in Noble Hospital's Auditorium A.

The Cancer Support Group is free and open to the public. Registration is not necessary.

For further information, call Ana Nunez, 568-2811, ext. 5698.

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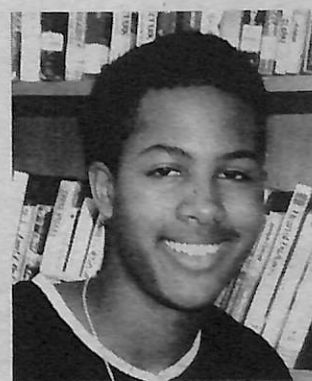
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"Yankee Notions" Coming To Town For Free Concert

Years ago, friends and neighbors gathered together at quilting and apple-paring 'bees,' sugaring-off 'frolics,' and other community events.

Stories were told, songs were sung, and music was made. New Englanders no longer engage in such 'bees' or 'frolics,' but that tradition of song-singing, tale-telling, music-making, and all-around merriment is being kept alive by YANKEE NOTIONS.

On August 7th at 6:30 p.m., YANKEE NOTIONS will present a free concert of New England folk songs at the gazebo of the Phelps Elementary School in Agawam. This performance is supported by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council and is part of the Agawam Cultural Council's Summer Concert Series. In the event of rain, the concert will be held inside the school.

An acoustic folk music duo, YANKEE NOTIONS is Jim Douglas (vocals, guitar, and concertina) and Tim Van Egmond (vocals, hammered dulcimer, tin whistle, and harmonica.) For two decades, in schools, coffeehouses, libraries, and folk festivals, they have entertained audiences of all ages. Every summer, they bring their marvelous music to town commons throughout New England. Bring friends and family, a lawn chair and picnic basket, and enjoy an evening of fine New England-style entertainment.

The next concert in this series will feature The Valley Jazz Ensemble performing original and standard jazz compositions on August 21st.



THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will be sponsoring "Yankee Notions" for a free concert on the Veterans' Green on August 7th.

Final Production Of Summer Theatre Camp At Red Door Theatre

The third and final production of STAGE's Summer Theatre Camps will be an original play written by co-producer Margie Secora of Southwick entitled "Merlin's Mirror." Drawn from the many legends that surround the ancient Druid wizard of King Arthur's Court, "Merlin's Mirror" promises to be a captivating tale of sword and sorcery as 26 young people from surrounding area towns participate in the two-week drama camp.

From Agawam comes Josh Lewin, Frankie Roda, and Ricky and Christin Cillimberg. A large group from Feeding Hills includes veterans Cara Dello Russo, Nick Duquette, Stephanie Goyette, Sarah Meiers, Sam Pohner, Melody Serafino, and newcomer April Rondeau. Lindsay Cushing, Daniel Reed, and Michelle Schroth are from Westfield, and Scott Brown travels from Springfield.

Across the border from Connecticut comes Leanne Crowley, Emily Allen, Neal Donahue, Curt McCloud, Michael Rubba, Drew Scotton, and Halden Smith from Suffield, and the brother/sister teams of Erik and Kristy Goulding and Phil and Elissa Wood from West Suffield.

The camps will culminate in four public performances to be held at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Performances are scheduled for August 9th and 10th at 7:30 p.m., and August 10th and 11th at 2:00 p.m. All seats are \$4, and reservations are strongly recommended and may be made by calling (413) 789-2026.

Shadow Puppet Show For Preschoolers At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library has something new for preschoolers on Wednesday, August 7th, at 9:30 a.m. OR 10:30 a.m.

Deborah Costine has visited the library many times as a member of Gerwick Puppets. Now,

Deborah has developed a Shadow Puppet Show specifically designed for ages three to five.

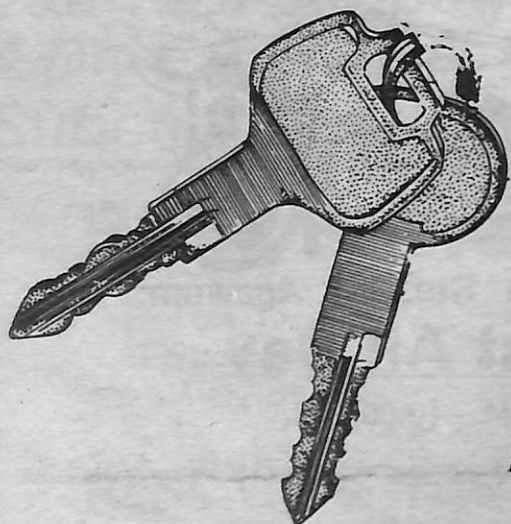
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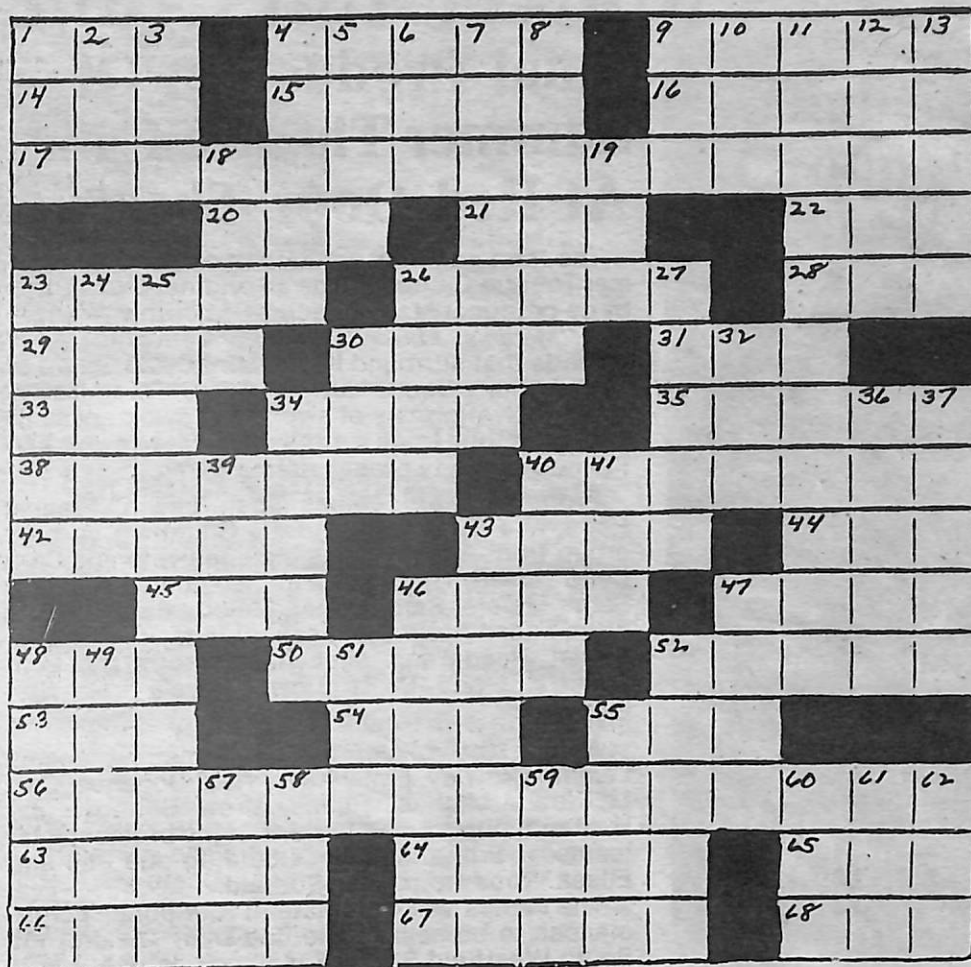
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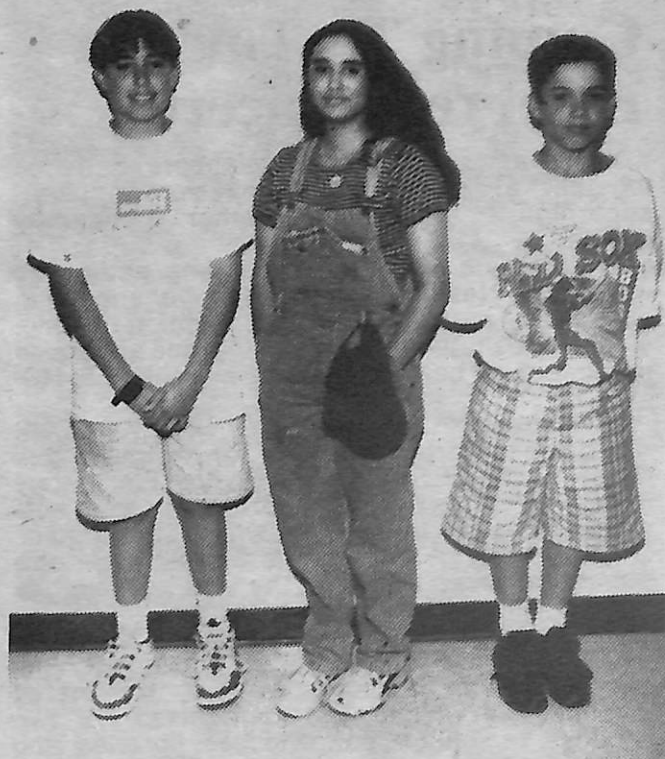
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- 17 T.V. apartment sharers
- 20 Vermont's green (abbr.)
- 21 Industrious honey maker
- 22 Clay today
- 23 Sty servings
- 26 West Pointer
- 28 Pinky or Peggy
- 29 Famous pantsmaker
- 30 Tends a garden
- 31 Took sustenance
- 33 Home in Soho
- 34 Walter or Donna
- 35 Killer whale prey
- 38 Omen
- 40 Leggy actress?
- 42 Bequeath

- 43 English low-lifes
- 44 Golfer's concern
- 45 Female sandpiper
- 46 River Islands
- 47 Songstress Horne
- 48 French woman (abbr.)
- 50 Plural of dictum
- 52 Stair part
- 53 Dawn goddess
- 54 Refrain syllable
- 55 Pail (dial.)
- 56 Another answer to 17 A
- 63 Peewee from Louisville
- 64 French governing body
- 65 King (Sp.)
- 66 Henry Ford's son
- 67 Bed boards
- 68 "You're my — and only"

DOWN

- 1 "Take it on the —"
- 2 M.D.'s org.
- 3 Make an offer
- 4 Things best forgotten sometimes
- 5 Cupid
- 6 Touchdown plus field goal
- 7 Provided with power
- 8 Indian princesses
- 9 Nineteenth Greek letter
- 10 Big pot?
- 11 Sharp lawyers
- 12 Upright pillar
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Artists Of The Month



ARTISTS FOR THE MONTH of June at the Agawam Junior High School included, from left - Stephan Ferreira, Angie Beharry, and Michael Federico. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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| 32 Orange Pekoe | 48 Rhythm in verse |
| 34 Marry again | 49 Went from A to D |
| 36 "Mule Train" singer | 51 Follower of (suffix) |
| 37 Besmirch | 52 Origins |
| 38 "— the mark" | 55 Command to a tabby |
| 40 "Pro —" | 57 Half a fly |
| 41 Age provers | 58 Loki's daughter |
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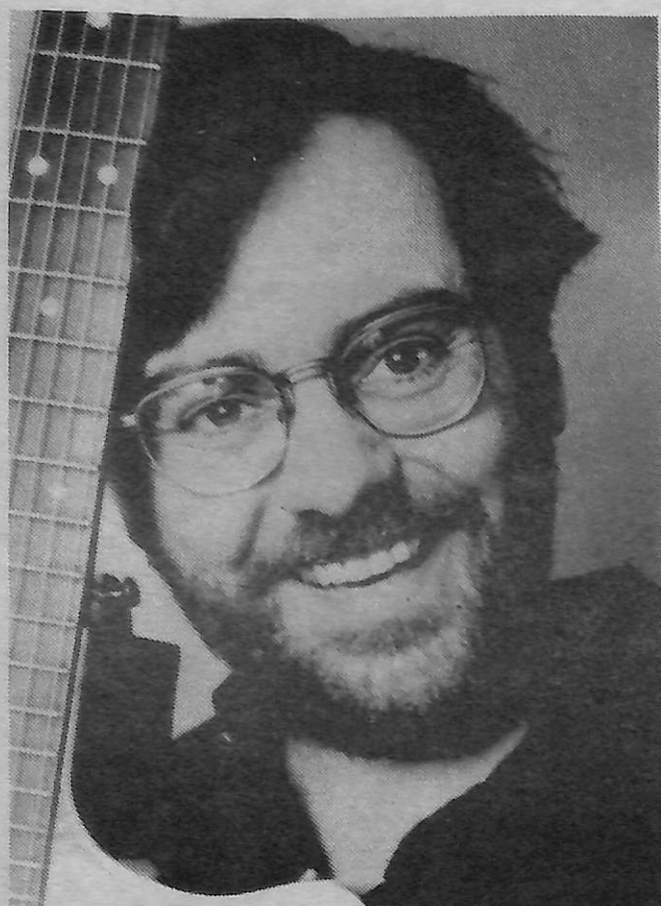
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On Monday, August 5th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., the library will present Roger Tincknell, who will provide a wonderful evening of music and storytelling. Roger has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada for over 20 years, and drawn rave reviews for his energetic, humorous shows.

The whole family is welcome to register in person at 750 Cooper Street or by calling the library at 789-1550. Becoming a member of the Summer Reading Program is just as easy.

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BONNY HALL and JAMIE KEITHLINE of the Crabgrass Puppet Theatre performed "Dinosaur Dimension" at Granger School.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Dinosaur Dimension" Delights Students At Granger School

During the month of June, students at Granger School were treated to a performance of "Dinosaur Dimension" presented by the Crabgrass Puppet Theatre.

This show, created and performed by Jamie Keithline and Bonny Hall, graduates of the University of Connecticut's esteemed programs in puppetry and theatre, led the audience through a fun-filled journey to the REAL Land before time.

Expert puppeteers manipulate a variety of intricate hand and rod puppets, with beautiful scenery and a contemporary musical score. The students were treated to an inside look at the lives of dinosaurs in prehistoric times, plus humorous scenes of what it might be like if dinosaurs were alive today.

Good Kid's Theatre



THE CURTAIN CLOSED on Stage's latest production, "The Secret of Forever" recently after a sold-out run at The Red Door Theatre. The choose-your-own-adventure play took audiences to such places as Dracula's crypt where Ashley McMann, Ashley Hess, Jessie Hamilton, Kayleigh Iverson, Regina Yopak, Emily Gallagher, and Tyler Pearsons as Renfield (front) and Justin O'Neill as Dracula greeted them.

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Education



End-Of-The-Year Poems

*Granger School
Grade 4 - Room 10
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COUPLET

I saw a cat,
Who wasn't fat.

Allison Peters

TRIPLET

I saw a cat,
That was fat,
Sitting on a hat.

Allison Peters

ALLITERATION

Allison ate an acorn at Andy's apartment in April

Allison Peters

COUPLET

We will run,
In the sun.

Megan Smith

TRIPLET

The screaming crowd,
Is very loud.
The band is proud.

Megan Smith

ALLITERATION

Sarah sings a solo
while slurping on a
soda on Saturday.
Megan makes
marvelous music
on Monday.

Megan Smith

TRIPLET

Love is a thing,
That someone must bring.
Whenever they sing.

Michelle Figella

ALLITERATION

Michelle made muffins in a
museum in Massachusetts.

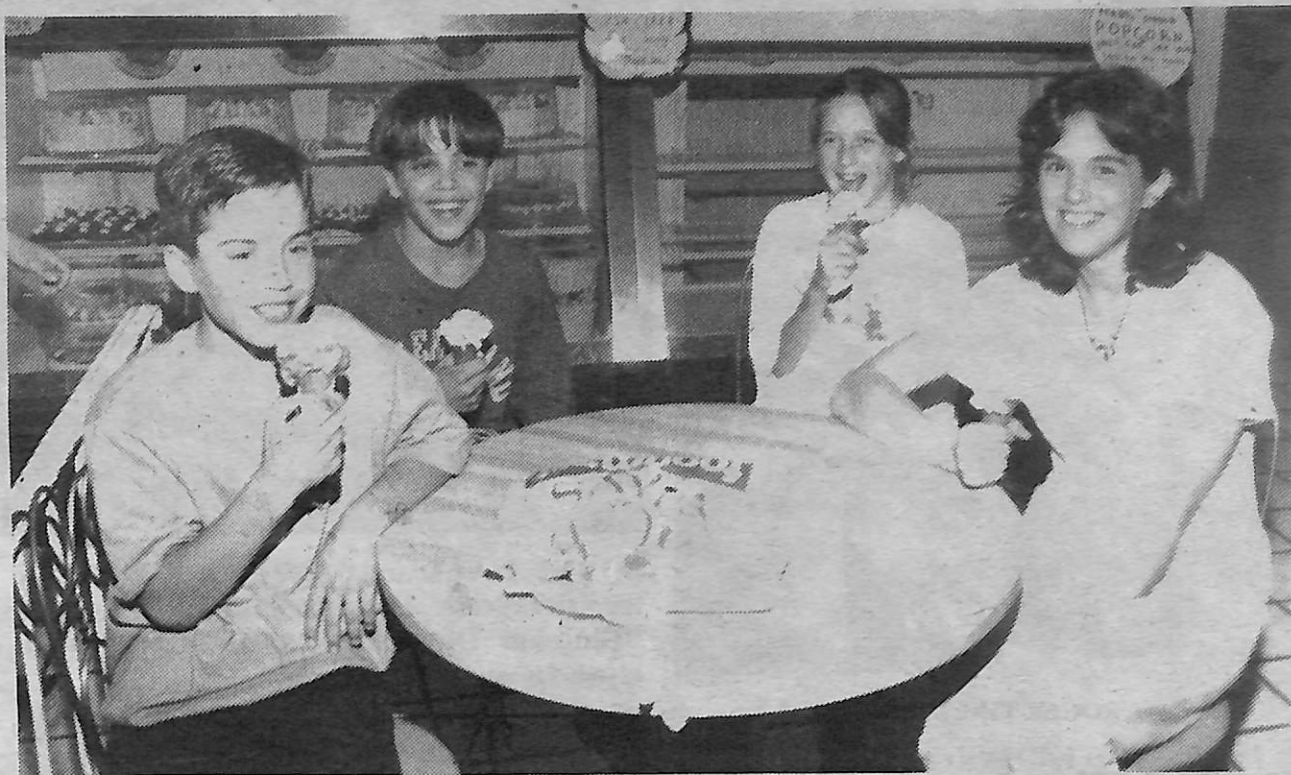
Michelle Figella

Jeff jumped a jug in January.
Anthony Acts Awkward.

Michelle Figella

SEE KID'S KORNER - Page 31...

Jr. High Non-Users At Peterjon's



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH Non-Users Club enjoyed an ice cream social at Peterjon's Gourmet Ice Cream in Feeding Hills Center before school ended. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Michael Federico, Corey Federico, Jill Gendron, and Jenna Bodurtha. PHOTO BELOW, Jeffrey Rivkin, Keegan Clark, Tony Stevenson, and Aimee Piccin. Advertiser

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End-Of-The-Year Activities At Clark School



IN PHOTO LEFT, Ed Popielarczyk paid a visit to Clark School kindergarteners before school ended to delight the kids with his antics with balloons. Students in the photo are Joey Largay and Autumn Paro; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Megan Pokorny and Nicole Sullivan paint t-shirts at the school the day before school ended. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

KID'S KORNER - from Page 30...

COUPLET

There was a dog,
Who had tea with a frog.

Daniel Korney

ALLITERATION

Jorge jumps on Jon.

Daniel Korney

COUPLET

There once was a boulder,
That fell on my shoulder.

Ryan Griffin

ALLITERATION

Ryan Rolls Rolls around
the rock and Rhode
Island.

Ryan Griffin

ALLITERATION

Jeff jumps, jokes, and jogs in July with Jason and Jacob.

Anthony Sarnelli

ALLITERATION

Allison ate an almond.
A Big brown bear ate berries behind a bush.

Maria Doulakis

ALLITERATION

Mike made muffins at
the muffin mart on Monday
Meanwhile, Mary ate the
muffins that Mike made.

Jeffrey Neilsen

TRIPLET

I saw a cart
with some art
In the mart.

Eric Kelley

ALLITERATION

Amanda acted awkward in Africa
Megan married Mark Monday at midnight
in Memphis.

Erica Kelley

FREE VERSE

My friend told me I saw a unicorn sitting on a fly
-what a lie!

Kristie Russo

COUPLET

I've seen a Kangaroo hop,
But I never saw it mop.

Kristie Russo

ALLITERATION

Calvin can make
clay with a crayon.

Kristie Russo

ALLITERATION

Joking Jacklin jumps for joy in January joking
jealously.

Kristen Sopet

COUPLET

I saw a tie,
Flying in the sky.

Kristen Sopet

Graduation Held At Bambi Nursery School



BAMBI NURSERY SCHOOL on Vernon Street in Agawam held its annual graduation ceremony for its children on June 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nicholas Balboni On College Dean's List

Nicholas Balboni, son of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Balboni of Ohio Avenue, West Springfield, has been placed on the 1995-96 Dean's List at Union College, New York.

According to the Dean of the Faculty, the high

honor reflects a strong record of academic accomplishments and significant achievement.

Nick, a June graduate of Union and now a civil engineer with Exxon, is the grandson of Mrs. Carlo Balboni of Agawam.

Local Students On Spring Dean's List Announced By Elms College

Dr. Patrick Delaney, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Elms College, has announced that local students have been named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 1995-1996 academic year.

The Dean's List is composed of students who have earned a quality point average of 3.50 or bet-

ter.

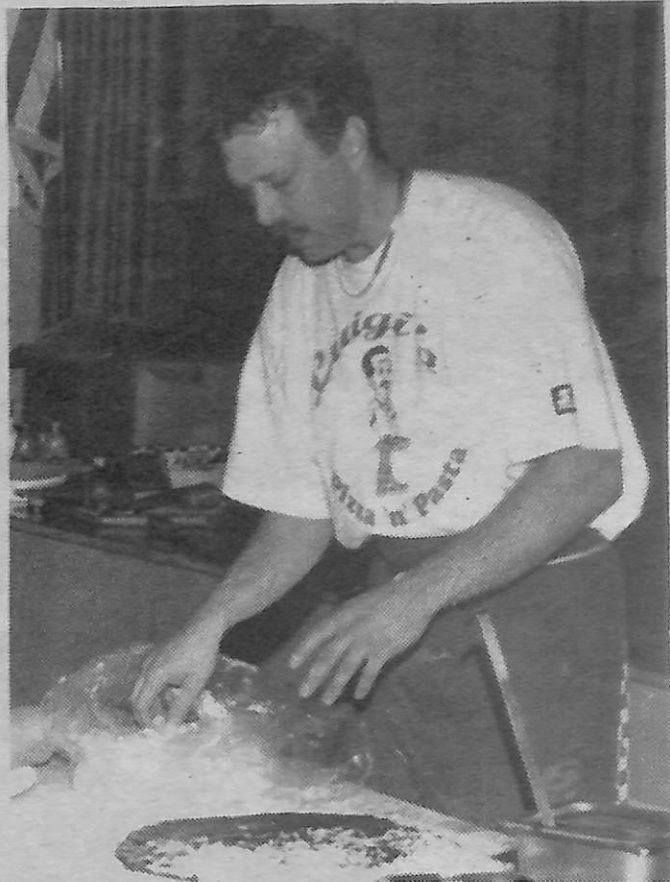
* From Agawam:

Stacey Ballock, Kelly Conlon, Lisa Ferioli, Ellyn Hiltas, Grace Krajewski, Dianna McCormick, Lidia Murray, and Jennifer Quaglini.

* From Feeding Hills:

Terriann Pumbo.

Arts & Crafts, Pizza-Making At Camp Rainbow



CAMP RAINBOW, a special needs summer camp, recently held some fun activities. In photo left, Michael Dimairo, Richard Bazanchuk, and arts and crafts specialist Marianne Theroux enjoy an arts & crafts session. PHOTO RIGHT, Jim Planzo, owner and operator of Luigi's Pizza 'n' Pasta in Agawam, demonstrated the art of pizza-making on July 18th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Invention Convention At Ag. Junior High Showcases Creativity

Rooms 234 and 235 at the Agawam Junior High School ended the year with an "invention convention." Seventh grade science students were presented with the challenges of designing something to make life easier.

The results were fantastic! To combat that "Ooo, I hate it when that happens" feeling, students created a wild assortment of contraptions to deal with everyday inconveniences. Among some of the inventions: a crayon holder designed by Arlie Meade that keeps small crayons from breaking; a fishing hook organizer for a tackle box by Tony Bosini; "The Lazy Crane," a magnetic pick-up-upper by Jen Dubois and Angela Whitney; a drop-proof water dish by John Minihan; a see-through rubber cape so people can read a magazine without hair falling on it by Tim Dunn; an extendable mailbox by Danielle Bachini; a nail polish remover pen by Kate Conte and Ashley Lora; a fast action rubber band shooter by Nicole Sausville and Lisa Menzone; a travel toothbrush with mouthwash and automatic toothpaste dispenser by Jeff Thibodeau. Jon Roberts developed a model draw bridge powered by a CD drive; Aiyssa Roy made a self-service dog feeder; and Samantha Gingras and Shawnee Demeo made an easy access closet for youngsters.

Mrs. Shugrue and Mrs. Basile would like to thank parents for their support of the project-based work their students have done this past year.



AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS who participated in the "Invention Convention," from left: Jeff Thibodeau, John Minihan, Jon Roberts, Sam Gingras, and Nicole Sausville. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam And Feeding Hills Students Earn Dean's List At WNEOC

Western New England College has named the following area students to the Dean's List for the 1996 spring semester.

* From Agawam:

Cheryl-Ann Calabrese, Kevin Chrisanthos, Benjamin S. Ferris, Jeffrey S. Howe, Michael Kislewski, Linda M. Porowski, and Anthony Tassone.

* From Feeding Hills:

Kathleen M. Arenstam, Mark W. Bristow, Mathew J. Christy, and Brett M. Gearing.

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TIM DUNN, ANGELA WHITNEY, JEN DUBOIS, ARLIE MEADE, and TONY BOSINI all participated in the "Invention Convention" at the Agawam Junior High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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GIRL SCOUTS

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The following are thanks (hence the word Kudo) articles from most of the Agawam Girl Scout Troops.

KUDOS to **Shari Petrucci**, who was a super Cookie Mom and all-around good helper from **Junior Troop 563**.

Granger Daisy Troop 554 would like to extend **KUDOS** to all the Families and Friends who helped us this past year. The girls learned about service by giving of themselves to help others at home, in school, and in their community. The girls also developed their skills in kindness, sharing, and fair play during their weekly Daisy meetings.

We especially wish to send out **KUDOS** to **Carisa, Kim, Danielle, Chelsea, Emily, Meaghan, Katherine, and Amber** on their Bridging to Brownies!

KUDOS to **Brownie Girl Scouts from Troop 551** at **Clark School** for their efforts in doing the "Arts to Wear" Try-It. They colored and designed their own T-shirts. They also did an excellent job making a banner for the Memorial Day parade with their thumbprints on it. (Leaders: **Laura, Barbara, & Linda**)

KUDOS to **Robinson Park Brownie Troop 564** for doing a GREAT job planning their Closing/Bridging ceremony. They wrote a play to perform and made all of the decorations and invitations.

KUDOS to **Clark Brownie Troop 584** for their wonderful performance for their mothers at our Mother's Day tea. **KUDOS** also for their hard work as Third Grade Brownies on their way to Bridging to Junior Girl Scouts. **KUDOS** to our Cookie Mom **Sherry Carter** and to our Troop Photographer **Eileen Quinlan**.

Warm **KUDOS** from **Junior Troop 549** to **Heritage Hall Nursing Home (North Building)** for letting us use your room throughout the year.

KUDOS to our whole **Robinson Park Brownie Troop 586** for learning to recite the Girl Scout Law. **KUDOS** to our Cookie Mom **Patti Baskin** and our driver/helpers **Teresa Hall** and **Nancy Bulmer** without whose help we wouldn't have been able to do as much or have as much fun as we've had!!!

We would like to send out **KUDOS** to our girls from **Junior Troop 553** from the **Middle School** and tell them all how proud we are. They worked very hard to earn their trip to Washington. They spent the year collecting bottles that were very successful. Hats off to you girls!! They also spent a lot of time earning their "Junior Aide" patch and the "Sign of the Rainbow." We hope you'll have a GREAT time in Washington. **KUDOS** for all being such wonderful young ladies. Every one of you is a joy to be around. (Love, Chris, Nancy, and Sue)

We would like to extend a big **KUDOS** from **Clark Brownie Troop 558** to our Cookie Mom, **Sherry Sausville**. She did a wonderful job! Also, **KUDOS** to our helpers who got us through the year: **Irena and Valerie**. You were really a BIG help!!

KUDOS to **Clark Daisy Troop 568** for blending together as a caring, sharing, considerate unit. At the start of the year, the girls were split between A.M. and P.M. Kindergarten classes. They now have accepted and included all parts to make a complete and wonderful whole! **KUDOS** to **Sue Graziano, Johanna Boylan, and Joy Martin** for their extra time and effort. Lastly, **KUDOS** to all our other parents who donated supplies and snacks.

MANY KUDOS to the Leader volunteers for the Annual Giving Fundraiser Drive this year: **Laura Albano, Cathy Richards, Margaret Bilodeau, Geri D'Agostino, Betty Laliberte, and Sheryl Whitehead**.

The Dance was a huge success with a total of \$1,010 raised. The money was designated towards the purchase of a new tent for Camp Bonnie Brae. A plaque will be placed in Anchorage with our Unit named as the beneficiary. The remainder will be put towards the purchase of another tent.

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Holyoke Community College's Division of Continuing Education will add six new non-credit courses to its wide range of offerings during the spring semester in response to expressed community interests.

For those interested in becoming family child care providers, the course "Starting An In-Home Day Care Center" is being offered in September. Information on how to prepare your home to meet licensing standards, communicating effectively with parents and establishing a business plan will be presented by the Preschool Enrichment Team, an early childhood training and consultation agency.

"Redirecting Children's Behavior" teaches practical skills for building children's self-esteem through the positive use of discipline. Creative ideas and a specific set of techniques will be demonstrated for handling everyday situations such as temper tantrums, aggression, and helplessness. This five-week course is designed for parents, teachers, and counselors.

The two-week Babysitting Certification Program teaches the responsibilities of becoming a babysitter. Learn child supervision skills, basic first aid, appropriate activities, babysitters' concerns, and basic care for children. Young people, ages 11 and up, are invited to attend.

"Suzuki Piano" is a program for children ages four and up. Based on the well-established Suzuki method of music education, children can learn to play an instrument by listening and repetition. Parental involvement in the instructional process is necessary due to the young age of students. Marie Meder, an alumna of HCC, has 14 years of experience as a Suzuki teacher and coordinator and will be the instructor.

In "Introduction to Tile Making," the art of designing ceramic tiles will be explored. Students will work with simple mold-making techniques as well as painting with slips and underglazes. Materials are included.

Other new offerings are "Deliciously Healthy and Economical Cooking for One or Two," "Women and Money: Things Our Mother Never Told Us," and "Astrology for Today."

Back by popular demand are courses in the areas of personal growth, computers, academics, health and fitness, real estate, career exploration, health and home—and more.

To accommodate people taking either credit or non-credit courses, day and evening childcare is available on campus from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Registration will continue through September 10th. For more information, call 552-2950 or 552-2324.

Barbara Skolnick Again To Teach At Springfield College

For the sixth consecutive year, Mrs. Barbara Skolnick, a retired principal of the Agawam Public Schools who held that position for 27 years, has been notified by Springfield College officials that once again beginning in September, she will be an Adjunct Professor at Springfield College.

Mrs. Skolnick's specialty is to train and supervise Springfield College juniors and seniors majoring in Education in the proper procedures of teaching elementary education.

Extension On Deadline For Loan Applications To Horace Smith Fund

The Horace Smith Fund has announced an extension on their deadline for loan applications for 1996. Applications from college students or June high school graduates will be accepted until August 5th. The Horace Smith Fund is available to all Hampden County high school graduates.

Any students interested may write to the Horace Smith Fund, P.O. Box 3034, Springfield, MA 01001, or call 739-4222 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applications may be obtained at all Hampden County high school guidance offices or any branch of the Springfield Institution for Savings.

Brett J. Gearing Receives Degree From WNEC

Brett M. Gearing of Feeding Hills was among the 872 graduate and undergraduate students who were awarded degrees from Western New England College at the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18, 1996 at the Springfield Civic Center.

He is the son of Kirby and Judy Gearing of Feeding Hills.

Gearing was a member of the Martial Arts Club, and was named to the College's Dean's List.

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AHS Guidance Office To Be Open In August

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Sports

Agawam Rotary's Annual Golf Tourney



THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB recently held its Annual Golf Tournament at Agawam Country Club. From left - Robert Campbell, chief of police; Christopher C. Johnson, mayor; Kathy Ayre, Rotary president; and Andrew Campbell, Rotary member. **IN PHOTO RIGHT** - Tim Ayre, Mike Grandfield, and Sam Pizzi, all Rotary members, are about to tee-off. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

The Olympic Games — A Cause For Celebration And Reflection

The Centennial Olympic Games are well into their second week in Atlanta. Those of us who care about such a thing have had some time now to observe the folks going for the gold (and silver and bronze).

For some of us, the questions arise — is everyone for the Olympics; are the Olympics for everyone? Because The Games, no matter which country is fortunate enough to host them, is a big event, from the opening ceremony to snuffing out the flame. Big events, by their nature, can have up and down sides.

Who among us were not moved when Muhammad Ali lit the torch to open the festivities? Tell me you didn't come close to shedding a tear at the gutsy gold medal performance of U.S. gymnast Kerri Strug, or stifle a chuckle when the millionaire members of our Dream Team recorded another lopsided basketball victory.

Who didn't feel nauseated when the pipe bomb blew in Centennial Park? Didn't Linford Christy's childish antics after being DQ'd from the 100 meters rub you the wrong way?

And wasn't it slightly unsettling when blatantly jingoistic U.S. Olympic broadcasters and journalists, along with certain poor sport American swimmers, slandered Irish swimmer Michelle

Smith (winner of three golds, one bronze) with thinly veiled, left-handed accusations of performance-enhancing drug use?

With so many aspects of the games to consider, we decided to ask some residents of Agawam to offer up their opinions concerning the big show down in Atlanta.

The "Professional Influence"...

One question had to do with professional influence in something that had been initially conceived as a showcase for amateur athletes from around the world. William P. Gazillo, a 40-year resident of the town, agreed. "Yes, it has become a professional thing because winning means money for the winners through big endorsement deals."

Agawam's Carol King echoed those sentiments. "These kids give it their all. Big companies make a lot of money off them, and some of that money finds its way back to the athletes. They end up getting paid well for their efforts."

Richard Donovan, another Agawam resident, noted, "Most countries competing in the Olympics send professional teams. They just don't refer to them like that."

Doesn't it seem the Olympics have become one big golden egg laying goose for businesses

hungering for name association with it? Ed Borgatti, owner of E.B.'s Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension, agrees that the whole thing has become too commercialized.

"Without a doubt, every other minute it seems someone is selling something. And we're the ones who will see those ads and maybe buy the product. So, in a way we, the public, are subsidizing most of it," he said.

Gazillo felt the same way, but added, "Someone has to pay the freight because the host city or country can't always afford something so expensive."

Melissa Benerakis, an instructor at Agawam's Guitar Academy, took another view. "It may be very commercial, but it only comes along every four years. So, I don't think the commercial side is overdone."

The people who benefit most from the advertising revenues, though, are the networks televising the Olympics (in this case, NBC). They pay big bucks for the TV rights. Turning a profit and megaratings are their gold medals. To that end, they broadcast the Games, it seems, from dawn to the wee hours, so every sponsor can pitch their pro-

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Tom Jensen Secures First Modified Win Of 1996 At Riverside Park Speedway

From the 12th starting spot on Saturday, July 27th, Tom Jensen moved into the lead on lap 38 from Tony Papale in a wheel-to-wheel battle in the Modified feature at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA. The victory gave Jensen his first win of 1996 and the point lead by 16 points.

Rookie Frank Rocco led from the first nine laps in the HPC Coatings, Budweiser, and Haymond Law Modified 50. On the 10th lap, Wade Cole broke out of the pack and pulled away, but by lap 27 it was Tony Papale who drove low and hard into the number-one spot.

Papale looked so strong as the leader that he looked almost unbeatable. Then there was a major caution on lap 21 as Dave Gallo, Rob Summers, John Cote, and Fran Principi hit hard in turn three. The field doubled up and Jensen became the guy to watch on the bottom as Tony Papale fought hard on the outside. Lap 43 was the final caution of the event as Renee Dupuis, Eric LeClair, and Dan Grasso tangled.

This single-file restart set the stage for a strong run to the checker. It was Tom Jensen in first place for the win, followed by Tony Papale (Teto Racing-Kurowski Insurance) for a second-place finish. Brian Schofield (C&P Const.) was third with another consistent run. Rounding out the top five were Ted Riggott (International Auto Body) and Richard Savary (C&W Horse).

Sixth through 10th for the Modified division were Ed Spiers, Jim Houghton, Eric LeClair, Wade Cole, and Frank Rocco.

"This win is for my father, Tony and Jim. It wouldn't have happened without Bill Pelly and Lather's Hosner; they helped me tonight. The car worked well on the bottom, and Tony ran good high," said a smiling Jensen, adding, "Points are not the big factor — it's the win that means a lot tonight."

Jensen moves into the lead with 16 points over Dave Berube, who finished 16th and dropped out.

Rich Vasseur was long overdue for his first win of 1996 in the Haymond Law Pro Stock 40. A crowd of 4,193 watched Vasseur go high and take the lead from Les Hinkley eight laps into the event.

Still, this was no easy win, as Tom Fearn charged forward for the middle of the pack. With 10 laps to go, Eddy Carroll (the point leader) became fac-

tor number three. Early lead challenger Jeff Connors was also running in contention.

However, the win ultimately went to Rich Vasseur. Second on his bumper was Tom Fearn (Porter-Chester), followed by Eddy Carroll (Riverside), Barry Gray (Yankee Energy) after an early crash, and Jeff Connors (Performance Off Road).

Rounding out the top 10 were Les Hinkley, John Lobo (Wagner Rug), Jim Bainfield (Dr. Schiff), Craig St. Germain (Inviro Tech), and Scott Bouley (Matt Powers).

"The car was awesome, thanks to my team (Porter-Chester and Enfield Nissan-Pontiac) This car really runs strong on the outside. We were long overdue. Thanks to everyone for not giving up," said Rich Vasseur. It was a popular win.

Brian Choquette led from the green in the Late Model feature, but four laps into the race Ernie Tarca took over the lead. By lap 17, Ted Chalmers (the all-time Late Model veteran) moved out front.

Then, on lap 25, Chalmers and Chris Wenzal made contact. Chalmers had a tire going down. This altercation also took out Chuck Docherty.

Wenzal was unstoppable to the checker over Ernie Tarca, John Severns, George Perry, and Rob Valerio. Sixth through 10th went to Todd Owen, Brian Locke, Roy Houle, Bob Choquette, and Skip Brunig.

"We have run well the last three weeks, but we have had no luck. The car is fast," said Chris Wenzal. This win marked his third for the 1996 season.

Jon Waterhouse became the 16th different winner in the Strictly Stocks, as Kris Valerio finished second over Bill Reiman, Dennis Charette, and Mark Anderson.

Rounding out the top 10 in this division were Scott Ciak, Mike Salmond, Tony Kielty, Patrick Kreschmen, and Scott Neleber.

"This win is for my family and my sponsors, Kmart and Turnpike Auto Sales," said Waterhouse.

This coming Saturday, August 3rd, Riverside Park Speedway will host five divisions of racing and feature the return of the "Riverside 500 Team Race." The action will start at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call 1-800-370-7488.

Agawam Tigers Compete Against Holy Cross & Sturbridge

Agawam Tigers Lose In Overtime, 34-33

For their second straight game, the Agawam Tigers jumped out to a 6-0 lead after just five minutes of action. But like the previous game, they let the lead slip away.

Holy Cross, with its six-foot center, kept going inside against the Agawam defense.

Point guard Travis Reed's six first-half points kept the Tigers within striking distance as they trailed 15-10 at the half.

Like their first game, the Tigers' defense rose to the occasion. Numerous turnovers were forced by Reed, Mike Thomas, Wes Scott, and Joe Rosinski.

Meanwhile, the offense caught fire. Adam Ellsworth's key three-point play with eight seconds left in the game forced the overtime session.

Ellsworth, Dan Vinton, Lou Conte, Jr., and Brad Theriaque led the way in the rebounding department. A.J. Martucci led the offense with 13 points, 11 coming in the second half.

Tigers Routed By Strong Sturbridge Team, 40-21

The Agawam Tigers suffered their worst loss in the last two years at the expense of a talented Sturbridge team. Sturbridge scored the first 10 points of the game before Agawam scored on Mike Thomas' two free throws.

A.J. Martucci, the Tigers' leading scorer, was held to only four points, none in the first half, as every shot he seemed to take just would not go in the hoop.

Trailing 18-7 at the half, the Tigers made one last attempt at a comeback as they opened the second half with three quick points to get within 18-10. However, Agawam still continues to get balanced scoring, as seven players got points.

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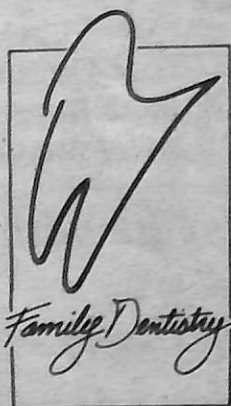
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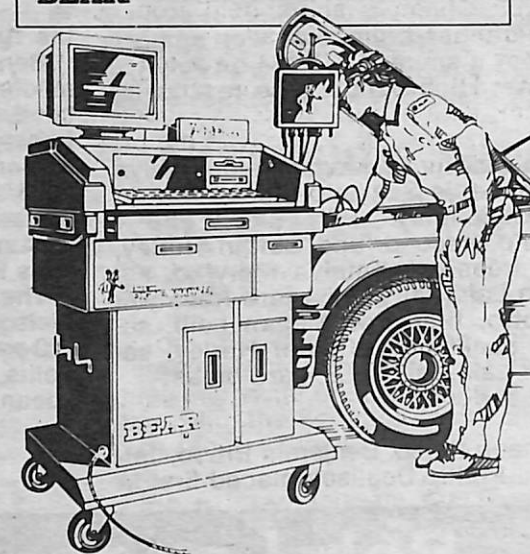


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Agawam Warriors Win Suffield Tournament In Sudden Death

The Long Island, New York Select team neutralized Kristen Patterson's first-half goal (assisted by Amy Mastroianni) to set up a dramatic finish to the U-16 Division I Girls' championship soccer game.

The match came down to a five-minute sudden death overtime rule that was played by six players from each team. After playing to a 1-1 tie after regulation, the two teams played two 10-minute overtime periods at full strength and still remained knotted at 1-1.

At this point in the match, most tournament title games are decided by a shootout (penalty kicks). However, the Suffield Tournament Committee chose a seldomly used method of sudden death called 6 versus 6, whereby six players from each team play until one team scores. At three minutes, 57 seconds of sudden death overtime, it was over.

The six Agawam players comprised of Franca Bonavita, Jill DeMarco, Vanessa Galluzzo, Julie LaFlamme, Aimee Loudfoot, and Kristen Patterson held off several strong attacks by the Long Island, New York Select team and countered with several strong attacks of their own before connecting on the game winner. It came off of a five on three aggressive attack by Long Island that was spectacularly held off by Galluzzo, LaFlamme, and DeMarco.

Jill DeMarco came out of the attack with the ball and spotted the experienced Kristen Patterson breaking to open space and DeMarco put the ball right to Patterson's foot. Moments before, Patterson must have sensed an opportunity because she directed Aimee Loudfoot to the left chalk line.

Once Patterson had the ball, she never hesitated. She put a left-footed pass on Loudfoot that broke her loose. Loudfoot trapped Patterson's pass at midfield and was off on a long breakaway towards the opposing goaltender. The goalie came out of her net to try to stop the breakaway. Loudfoot put a good shoulder fake on the Long Island goalie, beating her to the left side to score the winning goal for Agawam.

The Warriors played well in the preliminary round to qualify for the championship game.

In their first game on Saturday, June 29th, they played Suffield, Connecticut, winning that con-



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM WARRIORS soccer team. Back row - Kelly Robinson, Nikki Lawson, and Coaches Joe DeMarco, John O'Brien, and Dom Candido. Middle row - Vanessa Galluzzo, Amy Mastroianni, Sarah Drenzek, Heather Arcangeletti, Julie LaFlamme, Jessica Dutton, and Aimee Loudfoot. Front row - Kristen Patterson, Kara Tierney, Franca Bonavita, and Jill DeMarco. Missing: Amber Conte and Megan Conkey.

test, 3-1, on two goals by Kristen Patterson, assisted on her first goal by Amy Mastroianni. Patterson's second goal came off a direct penalty kick.

Mastroianni finished out the scoring with an assist from Megan Conkey. On Saturday afternoon, Agawam played their best game of the year against another strong Select team from Long Island, New York. The locals won this well-played contest by both teams, 3-2. Kristen Patterson had a terrific game scoring the hat-trick on assists by Julie LaFlamme and Nikki Lawson.

Her second goal of the contest was a beautiful left-footed rocket shot from 23 yards out. It should be stated that the Agawam team played with a high level of intensity and determination in this match. On Sunday morning, Agawam faced a pesky New Jersey team.

The New Jersey coach had scouted Agawam on Saturday and had her team prepared for the upcoming contest. New Jersey consistently

thwarted Agawam's attack. Jill DeMarco scored on an assist by Patterson to put the Warriors up, 1-0, in the first half. However, New Jersey came back in the second half with the equalizer and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

On Sunday afternoon, Agawam nailed down their spot in the championship match by downing LaGrangeville, New York, 4-0. Jill DeMarco scored on an assist by Megan Conkey. Amy Mastroianni scored twice, both assisted by DeMarco. Kara Tierney scored from her left fullback position to finish out the scoring. This goal was also assisted by the fine play of Jill DeMarco (stopper).

The Warriors should be congratulated on their fine season. Besides winning the Suffield Tournament, they also won the Quinipiac Invitational Tournament and qualified for the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions as a result of their record in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League this past Spring.

Agawam Piranhas Defeat Palmer Team

The Agawam Piranhas swim team won against the Palmer team by a score of 373-134 on July 15, 1996 at the Palmer High School. The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Caitlin Hurley, Megan Lalli, Katelyn Morytko, and Stephanie Scavotto placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Katelyn Morytko, second, and Caitlin Hurley, third in 25-yard freestyle; Katelyn Morytko, second, and Megan Lalli, third in 50-yard freestyle; Stephanie Scavotto, first, and Megan Lalli, second in 25-yard backstroke; Caitlin Hurley, second, and Megan Lalli, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Shaun Bruso, Benjamin Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and Phillip Boglisch placed first in

the 100-yard medley relay.

Benjamin Bruso, first in 100-yard individual medley; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, Shaun Bruso, second, and Phillip Boglisch, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 25-yard butterfly; Benjamin Bruso, second, and Jeffrey Lagasse, third in 50-yard freestyle; Shaun Bruso, first in 25-yard backstroke; Benjamin Bruso, first, and Shaun Bruso, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Jessica Lalli, Bethany Reid, Julia Weisgerber, and Rebecca Carey placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Kelly Follis, Irena Klimczak, Abriana Spagnoli, and Leeann Morytko placed second.

The team of Rebecca Carey, Jessica Lalli, Bethany Reid, and Julia Weisgerber placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Irena Klimczak, Abriana Spagnoli, Leeann Morytko, and Kelly Follis placed second.

Bethany Reid, first, and Julia Weisgerber, second in 100-yard individual medley; Abriana Spagnoli, first, Rebecca Carey, second, and Sarah Meiers, third in 50-yard freestyle; Bethany Reid, first, and Jessica Lalli, second in 50-yard butterfly; Julia Weisgerber, first, and Rebecca Carey, second in 100-yard freestyle; Jessica Lalli, first,

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Sarah Meiers, second, and Kaitlin Bond, third in 50-yard backstroke; Irena Klimczak, first, Kelly Follis, second, and Leeann Morytko, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

Connor Dooley, third in 50-yard freestyle; Connor Dooley, second, and Anthony Rueli, third in 100-yard freestyle; Anthony Rueli, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Girls 11-12:

The team of Brittany Theriaque, Alison Morris, Christina O'Brien, and Kimberly Chmura placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

The team of Christina Climo, Kimberly Chmura, Allison Morris, and Brittany Theriaque placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Christina O'Brien, first, and Allison Morris, third in 200-yard individual medley; Christina O'Brien, first, and Christina Climo, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, first, and Brittany Theriaque, second in 50-yard freestyle; Christina O'Brien, second in 50-yard butterfly; Christina Climo, first in 100-yard freestyle; Brittany Theriaque, first in 50-yard backstroke; Kimberly Chmura, first, and Allison Morris, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

The team of Daniel Adamski, Michael Follis, Paul Lagasse, and Kyle Sullivan placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Paul Lagasse, first, and Kyle Sullivan, second in 200-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Kyle Sullivan, third in 50-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, first in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, second,

and Michael Lalli, third in 100-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Kyle Sullivan, third in 50-yard backstroke; Michael Follis, second, and Paul Lagasse, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Amanda Boissonneault, Katherine Carey, Shannon Costa, and Jennifer Reid placed first.

Shannon Costa, first in 200-yard individual medley; Jennifer Reid, first in 200-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first, Amanda Boissonneault, second, and Rebecca Morytko, third in 50-yard freestyle; Jennifer Reid, first, Katherine Carey, second, and Amanda Boissonneault, third in 100-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first, Katherine Carey, second, and Rebecca Morytko, third in 100-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, first, Rebecca Morytko, second, and Katherine Carey, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14:

Nathan Adamski, first in 200-yard individual medley, first in 200-yard freestyle, and first in 100-yard backstroke.

Girls 15-18:

Eileen Daly, first in 200-yard individual medley and first in 200-yard freestyle; Sarah Nacewicz, first in 50-yard freestyle; Eileen Daly, first in 100-yard butterfly; Sarah Nacewicz, first, and Brenna McGinn, second in 100-yard freestyle; Sarah Nacewicz, first, and Brenna McGinn, second in 100-yard backstroke; Brenna McGinn, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 15-18:

Joel Ward, first in 50-yard freestyle, first in 100-yard freestyle, and second in 100-yard breaststroke.

Over 400 Advance Sale Tickets Sold For August 24th Racing At Riverside Speedway

Race Director Ben Dodge, Jr. wasn't shocked when 400 tickets were sold in the first week for Riverside's Busch Grand National North event at the Agawam oval on Saturday, August 24th (rain date Sunday, August 25th). Still, he was a little surprised at the numbers.

"Nothing was done extra. The tickets just went on sale and in five days, we sold 415 tickets. The interest is high because it's a race program both national and local fans can relate to. Let's face it — the Busch Grand National Series as seen on ESPN, TNN, and CBS is a national draw," said Dodge.

Plus, the advance sale ticket is a REAL DEAL. Compare it to any form of entertainment and it's a real bargain. Just \$20 each for any advance sale ticket, and this entitles the ticketholder to free parking and a walk through New England's largest amusement park with 100 rides and attractions.

What's more, this August 24th event will host four premiere NASCAR divisions — the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks — and, of course, the Busch Grand National North.

The advance sale \$20 tickets are available in Riverside's marketing department and on Saturdays during the evening races in the Winston Racing Series Tower. You can also send a check to Riverside Speedway Advance Sale 824, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attention Mary).

The advance sale isn't the only key point of in-

terest. The event, sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts, has been sited as one of the most prestigious short-track events on the Tour. Over 60 cars are pre-entered for the event.

Besides the national sponsorship of NAPA Auto Parts stores, the Modified Tour, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks will be sponsored by Tom Scranton Pontiac/Oldsmobile/Cadillac/GMC Truck of Vernon, CT. The total posted purse of the event will be in excess of \$100,000.

Other sponsors that have joined this event include Budweiser, Pontiac, and Bumper To Bumper. Remember, this special event happens only once this year at Riverside — Saturday, August 24th (rain date Sunday, August 25th).

As for the drivers, they are ready for the quarter-mile in Agawam. Expected pre-entered favorites include Kelly Moore, Stub Fadden, Jerry Marquis, Mike Stefanik, Derek Lynch, Brad Bennett, Dale Shaw, Marty Truex, Bob Dragon, Brad Leighton, Dave Dion, and Brandon Butler.

The Modified Tour cars will have a time-trial show that will also attract the outside force of the Modified Tour with such drivers as Reggie Rugiero, Steve Park, Dan Avery, Chris Kopec, and more.

Don't miss the biggest event of the season at Riverside Park Speedway. For more information, call 1-800-370-7488 (Star 4) or the race office at (413) 786-9300, ext. 3264.

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Microtest Twins Win John Sullivan League Championship

The Agawam entree into the 14-16 Mickey Mantle Amateur Baseball Association recently completed a most successful season.

Beginning the season with split of the first two games, Microtest defeated the East Side Giants, 14-1, and subsequently lost to St. Catherine's Angels, 6-2. Through the next 14 games, the Twins went undefeated to put them three games ahead in the league standings.

A loss to St. Catherine's again resulted in the only other loss for the season. Winning the last three games cinched the regular season championship and prepared Microtest for the post season play. Having won the regular season championship qualified Microtest for the state tournament.

Fifteen players comprise the Twins' roster. Each and every player made a solid contribution toward the team's success. Starting pitchers were Pat Renna (8-1) and Ryan White (5-1), while relief specialist Kyle Gendron had one win and three saves.

Any championship team has a strong middle defense and the Twins are no exception. Bulldog defensive play by catchers Ryan Wilson, Kevin Hill, and Justin Richter, the speed and strong arm of Brady Martin in centerfield, and the silky smooth defensive play of middle infielders Kevin Cornwell, Mike Wing, and Mike Carney were key to an 18-2 season.

Offensively, Brady Martin (lead-off hitter and highest average), Kevin Cornwell, Mike Wing, and Mike Carney consistently got on base so that power hitters Billy Collins, Pat Renna, Austin Kimball, and Rich Feeley could drive them home.

Defensive specialists, who played a most important role by playing a variety of positions, include Ryan Grealis, Justin Richter, and Bob Bousquet.

Selected to the John L. Sullivan All-Star team by vote of their teammates included Brady Martin, Billy Collins, Kevin Cornwell, and Pat Renna. All of the Twins selected to the All-Star team contributed to a lopsided win by the East team on July 7th at Forest Park.

Many of the team members play other sports for Agawam High. Members of the wrestling team are Ryan Grealis and Kevin Hill; hockey, Austin Kimball and Rich Feeley; basketball, Kevin Cornwell and Ryan White; football, Ryan Wilson and Mike Wing.

The players and coaches Pat Renna, Austin Kimball, and George Cornwell wish to thank the Microtest Company for their support throughout the 1996 season. Presentation of the Championship trophy was made to owners Steve and Nancy Richter upon the completion of the season.

Riverside Speedway Supports Connecticut Red Cross Blood Drive

Tom Scranton, President of the acclaimed Scranton Motors in Vernon, CT, has always been a huge supporter of auto racing at Riverside Speedway. Still, the Scranton family are more than just race fans — they are people who care about people.

So it is appropriate that Tom Scranton joins forces with the Connecticut Red Cross in a very special and unique blood drive. This event, supported by the Riverside Speedway drivers and race fans, will take place on Monday, August 12th, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Scranton Motors, Route 83, Vernon, CT (next to Shaw's Supermarket).

The Scranton Motors staff and the Riverside Speedway drivers, owners, and race fans will join forces to raise blood for this worthy cause. The goal is to have 200 people give blood.

Each race fan that visits Scranton and gives blood will receive two VIP tickets to the races for only a Saturday and Sunday regular event. (Note: the Busch Grand National Race is not included.) Some will receive amusement park passes, free gifts, and more.

To be eligible, you must give blood between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12th, only at Scranton Motors in Vernon, CT. For directions, call (203) 872-9145 and ask for details.

Riverside's leading NASCAR drivers are expected along with the race fans. Ben Dodge, Jr., Riverside's Promoter/Director, will be giving blood and invites all his loyal friends and the thousands of race fans in New England.

"Tom Scranton is a caring person. He has been a friend of mine for 20 years. I am always honored to support this great man in any fundraiser. His dealership is a credit to the community I live in and support," said Dodge.

Remember, on Monday, August 12th, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., give blood with the Riverside racers at Scranton Motors, Rte. 83, Vernon, CT. For more information, call (203) 872-9145.



Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Blues Provide Hot Action

A 24-hour marathon of fishing started out Saturday morning as good friend George Powling and myself boarded the *Sunbeam*, out of Niantic, Connecticut, for a day of chasing bluefish.

Action was immediate, as the boat made its first early morning drift through the nautical traffic jam at the Race. Heavy tackle was the byword, as 16-ounce drail and chain rigs were necessary to get the rigged baits to the bottom. A stiff current and 150-foot depths made a few tangles inevitable, but everyone good-naturedly cooperated, as did the fish.

Bluefish are terrific fighters and some very respectable fish came over the side during the morning session. For those unfamiliar with bluefish, they have been described as life support systems for teeth. Anything that swims and can almost fit into their mouth is fair game. Fish that are too large to get into their mouth are simply chomped in half or whatever bite-sized pieces are necessary.

Gluttonous eaters, when a bluefish is full and the feeding frenzy is continuing, they will regurgitate their stomach contents and start over. When the opportunities exist to battle one of these eating machines (or "choppers," as they are known) on light tackle, the battle is memorable.

When removing the hook from a bluefish, a pair of long-nose pliers is almost mandatory. More than one person has lost all or part of a finger while trying to unhook a large blue. These are definitely one species that absent-minded bass fishermen should not try to lip land.

Being a 90's sort of guy, I was heartened to see that the big fish pool was won by one of the ladies. (Translation — I was green with envy.)

A short drive back to town and it was off to catch some of the Connecticut River smallmouth that provide so much angling enjoyment. Four-inch plastic worms and lead head grubs were the ticket to several nice smallmouth in the area between the bridges. As the magic hour of 9:00 p.m. rolled around, it was time to bait up for the Greatest Catfish Tournament On Earth.

Sponsored by Agawam's Al Gag, local tackle maven and TV 22 fisherman, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is the beneficiary. This ninth annual event was hampered by high water on the river; however, this did not deter a record number of contestants from trying their luck at more than \$5,000 in cash and prizes.

Twenty-seven hours, numerous fish, and 23

gallons of coffee later, I had failed to win the party boat big fish pool, got outfished by my buddy George on smallmouth, and did not have a large enough catfish to weigh in. But the real prize was a FULL day (and then some) on the water with a good friend and enjoying a wide range of fresh and salt water fishing in our great New England outdoors.

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FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Congamond Lakes — Kurt at Saunders Marina reports that bass action has been consistent. Some large pickerel are also being taken by anglers. Bass are holding in deep water during peak activity times. Jigs and tube lures are accounting for quite a few of the better fish. Plastic worms fished off the deep weedlines are also producing.

Valley streams are giving up a few nice trout for those willing to hit the streams at sunrise and at dusk. The Westfield River is reported to be giving up a few of its lunker trout in the vicinity of the Turnpike bridge and downstream areas.

Five Mile Pond in Springfield is producing some decent largemouth action on the deep side of the shoal near the center of the eastern portion of the lake. Soft plastics and jigs are working during the day, and suspending jerk baits like the new K.B. Special are taking fish under the low light conditions.

Connecticut River smallmouth are hitting again! A return to somewhat more normal water levels has stabilized the action. Lead head jigs with a twister tail grub are working in the deeper channel cuts and on the downstream side of the deeper bridge supports. The Rt. 91 bridge and the Rt. 391 bridge are producing some fairly large walleyes for night anglers.

SALT WATER

Bluefishing has picked up both in inshore waters as well as at popular spots such as the Race and Plum Gut. Charter boats and party boats that are targeting the blues are having pretty good luck with some real heavyweights coming over the sides.

Stripers are everywhere on the Cape and North Shore. Almost half of the fish are of keeper size.

Western Massachusetts Baseball League (Standings As Of July 29th)

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Arnold's Bakery Braves (Ludlow)	13	5
Southwick Package Yankees (Southwick)	4	16
Teddy Bear Pools Marlins (Springfield)	2	18



Golf Tip Of The Week...

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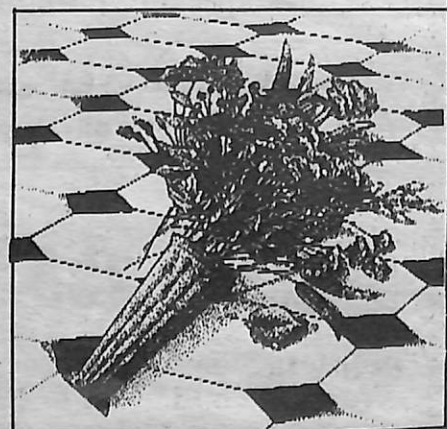
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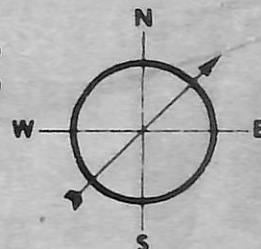
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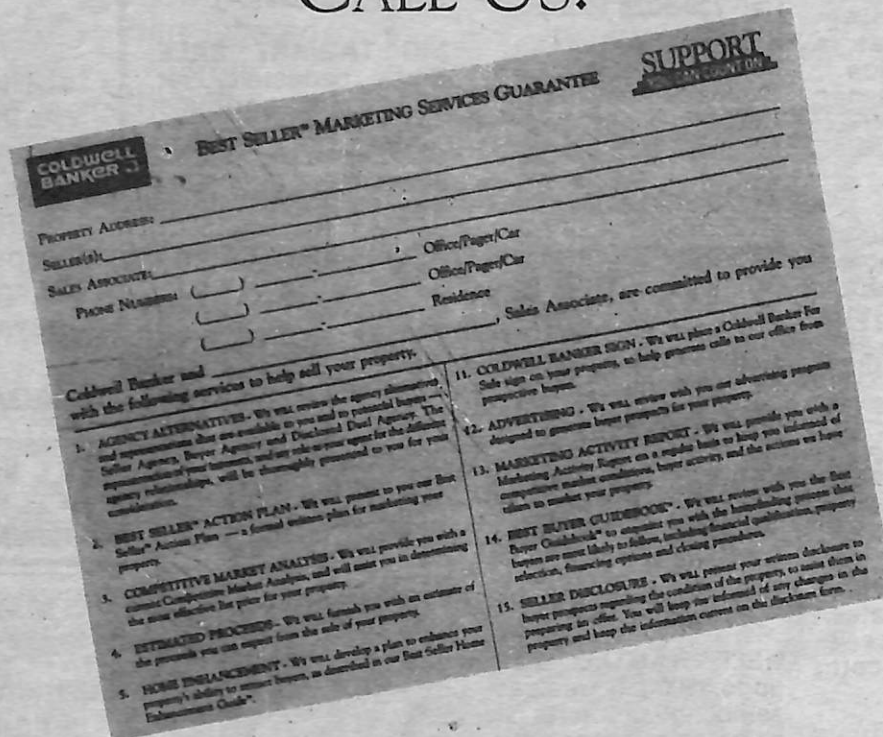


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